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Doctors upbeat

Signs of hope in health crisis

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

Directors of the public hospitals were guardedly optimistic last night about the chances of reaching a solution to the acute hospital crisis in the coming days, following "constructive, serious talks" with a ministerial committee headed by Acting Premier Shimon Peres.

At the committee's third session yesterday, 30 hospital directors were asked to prepare a plan to resolve the crisis. They expect to bring their plan before the committee soon.

In addition to Peres, the committee, set up by unanimous cabinet decision on Sunday, includes Premier Yitzhak Shamir, Finance Minister Moshe Nissim and Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino. Shamir is to join the deliberations on his return from the U.S.

Prof. Dan Michaeli, head of the Tel Aviv municipal-government hospitals, said he could not reveal details of the plan before presenting it to the ministers. But he was encouraged that all sides to the dispute were finally sitting down to a serious discussion, after months of refusing to talk to each other.

Government and Kupat Holim Chai hospital doctors are continuing their sanctions today, with all outpatient clinics closed in all the public hospitals and only emergency surgery to be performed at the

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Moscow to start destroying missiles

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) — The Soviet Union yesterday invited representatives of the world community to witness its destruction of the first clusters of short-range and intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze told the UN General Assembly that the event would take place in "a few days," as the era of nuclear disarmament began. The initiative includes representatives of the Security Council and Secretary General Perez de Cuellar.

"It has been made possible by the Moscow summit," Shevardnadze said. He did not say where the destruction would take place or name the states or the total number of missiles that might be destroyed.

"The Soviet Union invites the UN secretary-general, members of the Security Council, the representative of Zimbabwe as the current chairman of the non-aligned movement, and delegates to the conference on disarmament to attend one of the first missile elimination procedures," he said.

Taba decision in September

GENEVA (Reuters) — The Taba arbitrators will hand down their decision in mid-September, a month later than previously stated, unless an American-mediated compromise is achieved, a Swiss member of the international arbitration tribunal said yesterday.

International law Professor Dietrich Schindler said that the five tribunal members — himself, a Swede, a chair, a Frenchman, an Egyptian and an Israeli — have already met once to consider their verdict and would convene again at the end of June and in July.

Meanwhile U.S. State Department legal expert Abraham Sofaer sought to negotiate an amicable settlement between the two sides, but there has been no sign of progress and the tribunal's work has not been affected.

Hussein hints to Arab leaders in Algiers:

PLO negotiating alone would stymie peace

By DAN PETREANU,
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jordan's King Hussein told Arab leaders convened in Algiers yesterday that, if requested by them, he would leave negotiations on the West Bank entirely to the PLO, "even if this would end all chances for an international conference."

Hussein spoke at a closed session of the Arab League Summit, which will conclude today.

Hussein maintained that Jordan seeks only "the liberation of the land and the restoration of Palestinian rights." But he reassured Jordan's interest in the area, and its "special relationship with the Palestinians based on geography, population, and history." Hussein said that of the three options he first outlined in 1972 — reunification of the West and East Banks, confederation, or an independent Palestinian state — he still preferred a confederation.

Reacting to the speech, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said last night that Hussein "has remained loyal to his principles" and displayed "stability."

Peres said that Arab Summit speeches are characterized by "radicalization of positions" and "lip service," and to understand Hussein's

intention it was necessary to "read between the lines."

"Hussein has not rejected the international conference, and has not detached himself from the West Bank," concluded Peres.

In his speech, Hussein said that although the Shultz initiative represented a continuation of the "reactionary" U.S. policy of "putting out fires" and granting "unconditional support to Israel," it contained some positive elements and, with modification, could form a basis for negotiations.

He voiced his willingness to go to an international conference in a joint delegation with the PLO. Nevertheless, he said, should the summit decide instead on a separate PLO delegation and the establishment of a Palestinian state as preconditions for negotiations, he would accept the decision. But he made it clear that in his opinion, such a decision would ring down the curtain on the peace process.

The king's speech surprised many who had expected him to disengage Jordan completely from negotiations over the future of the occupied territories.

Observers in East Jerusalem said last night that despite this prior

speculation that he might profess to abrogate all responsibility for the West Bank, Hussein had clearly articulated his basic belief that Jordanian participation in the peace process is essential.

They also said that the King's speech should be viewed as deliberately not shutting the door on what Israeli moderates term the "Jordanian option."

But other Palestinian sources say the PLO now hopes to secure reaffirmation of the plan adopted at the 1982 Fes Summit, which called explicitly for a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.

IDF Intelligence head Aluf Amnon Shahak said yesterday that Arafat's main goal at the summit was to ensure PLO participation in any future peace maneuvers. The very fact that the summit was convened to deal exclusively with the uprising in the territories represented a victory for Arafat, who had been restored to the limelight of Arab summitry by the intifada. Arafat had been snubbed at the last Amman Summit last November, when the Palestinian issue was largely ignored.

Shahak also said that although Arafat repeated his demand for a

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One of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi's women bodyguards sports high heels and a pistol as she stands guard in Algiers. (AFP)

Shamir to press Soviet FM on ties, emigration

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday said he would press two issues with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze during their meeting here today: the restoration of Soviet-Israeli diplomatic ties and increased emigration to Israel for Soviet Jews.

Shamir told a small group of American editors that he was anxious to discover for himself whether the Soviet Union had genuinely moderated its stance towards Israel.

The prime minister acknowledged that the tone of recent Soviet statements had changed. What was now important, he added, was to learn whether the substance had also improved. (See Peres on Soviets, page 2.)

Shevardnadze told reporters in New York that the Soviet Union was prepared to take a more active part in Arab-Israeli affairs.

Shamir and Shevardnadze will meet at the UN, in the office of the president of the Security Council. Israeli officials yesterday expressed the hope that the Soviets,

following today's meeting, would finally grant entry visas to an Israeli consular delegation to visit Moscow in the coming weeks.

They said they were also seeking assurances that more Soviet Jews would be permitted to leave for Israel in the coming months. Israel is pressing for flights between the Soviet Union and Israel via Romania.

Shamir, together with other visiting world leaders, attended a luncheon yesterday with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. Israeli officials later said that the prime minister had rejected a proposal from the secretary-general to have the UN extend formal guarantees to Israel following the achievement of an Israeli-Arab peace settlement.

"What is needed is not a Big Power guarantee but an agreement between Israel and its Arab neighbors," an Israeli official quoted Shamir as having told the UN leader. Shamir reiterated his position that only direct negotiations — and not an international conference — could advance the peace process.

Shamir also recalled Israel's "unfortunate experience" with external

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Stabbed mayor vows to stay on

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Jerusalem Post Reporters

Al-Bira Mayor Hassan Tawil, recovering from a stab wound in the heart, vowed yesterday to stay on in his post despite Tuesday's attack on him near the town hall. Tawil said his assailant was not a resident of the town.

"I am determined to stay on, because justice is on my side," Tawil said in a faint voice during an interview with Israel TV from his hospital bed.

"I am serving the people. If the people decide that we are against them, then we will leave, but we are in the municipalities to serve the people," he said. He added that the assassination attempt was a message to all other Arab mayors. Tawil said his assailant was "a stranger, not a local resident," who had approached him and asked to apply for a passport before stabbing him.

Tawil was transferred yesterday

to Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem from Ramallah Hospital, apparently so he could be guarded and questioned more easily. A police spokesman said no arrests had been made yet in the case.

Meanwhile, the Civil Administration's efforts to prevent a wave of resignations by Arab mayors in the wake of the stabbing appeared to be initially successful. Some of the appointed mayors pledged they would continue in office, and others made no moves to leave.

As security measures for the mayors were tightened, Mayor Hanna Atrash of Beit Sahour reported that two jeeps of soldiers pulled up at his house and offered him protection, but he turned them down, saying they would do more harm than good. Atrash was elected to his post in 1976.

The appointed mayor of Jericho, Jamil Sabri Khalaf, said he would stay in office, and Beit Jallah Mayor Farah al-A'raj also vowed to continue

in his post. Both condemned the assassination attempt and asserted that mayors were public servants, not political personalities. "The same mistakes were made in the 30's by the Arab Higher Committee," said al-A'raj. "Assassinations do nothing but create more divisions and hatred."

IDF Chief of Staff Dan Shomron said during a tour of Gaza that the assassination attempt had caused no substantive change in the situation of the Arab mayors, and was not a new phenomenon in the territories. "Those in office will continue... and those who are wavering will continue to do so," he said.

Defence Minister Rabin, who also toured Gaza, called the stabbing "an act of desperation" after the IDF had successfully put down large-scale violence in the territories. The attacks on civil servants "are intended to make it harder for the population, in the hope that the

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Dismay at Rabin ban on visits by rabbis

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Religious circles reacted with surprise and dismay yesterday, following a statement by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin that the Israel Defence Forces would no longer permit visits by rabbis to army bases, or permit soldiers to visit yeshivot.

Rabin made the statement on Tuesday night during a visit to the Golan Heights. He said that the decision to stop contacts between Torah institutions and soldiers had come at the

Tadiran's claim to big U.S. order premature

By JUDY MALTZ and
KENNETH KAPLAN
Jerusalem Post Staff

Only a fraction of the multi-billion dollar U.S. Army tender awarded last week to Tadiran Ltd. and General Dynamics is a guaranteed order, executives with the two companies in New York conceded yesterday. The two concerns still must compete against ITT Corp. in a second stage of bidding for the vast majority of the order.

All that the contract guarantees, the executives told *The Jerusalem Post*, is an initial U.S. Army order of 550 radio transmitters, worth a total of \$22 million. Only in 1991 will a tender be made for the real order, worth by Tadiran estimates some \$300m. annually over a 15-year period, according to a source who asked not to be identified at

The press release put out by Tadiran's publicity agents gave no hint that the order was still in contention.

But, said the General Dynamics source, the Tadiran-General Dynamics team is in fact a "second-source producer" for the army. The practice of selecting "second-source producers" for their key equipment supplies has become fairly common in the Pentagon in recent years.

In 1991, the Army could choose to award part of the main contract either to ITT or the Tadiran-General Dynamics team, or alternatively give each a part of the work, whose total value is estimated at \$4.5 billion.

Officials at both Tadiran and General Dynamics in New York said they expected to split the tender with ITT, with the winner getting half of the work. "We would capture 20-25% of the work as a real Dynamics executive

Military intelligence chief briefs reporters

Cairo policy would survive new regime

By KENNETH KAPLAN
Post Defence Reporter

A new regime in Egypt would not change that country's foreign policy if President Hosni Mubarak were assassinated, Chief of the Intelligence Branch Aluf Amnon Shahak said yesterday.

Mubarak, he said, was vulnerable to an assassin's bullet, and the threat to Mubarak's regime by Moslem extremists could be strengthened through outside ties. An assassination, however, would not bring any major change.

"I don't believe that a new regime would change Egypt's policy, not today," he said. "I don't know of any Egyptian opposition that can provide an alternative to the ruling group."

Shahak was responding to a question on the "survivability of Arab leaders" during a meeting with military reporters to mark Intelligence Corps Day this week.

He said the situation of the Palestinians in the territories would have an impact on the stability of King Hussein's regime. Jordan, he said, had recently shown increased concern for internal security, and the Palestinian threat to King Hussein was a constant one considering the make-up of Jordan's population.

On the military threat facing Isra-

el, Shahak said Syria still had the strongest army of any of Israel's neighbors. While Syria had continued to prepare its soldiers for war during the past year, and had begun to develop a reserve force with a call-up system, there had been no major qualitative or quantitative jump in Syria's equipment or preparation.

While the Syrians acquired the Soviet-built MiG 29, they had waited for years for an advanced fighter, and its delivery was not a surprise development. He said Syria had the best Soviet weaponry outside the USSR.

Shahak said Syria had been in the market for a new ground-ground missile, and had asked the Soviets for the SS 23, but the IMF treaty had prevented its acquisition. He said it was not yet clear what would replace the SS 23.

Syria's ties with the PLO were still frozen, Shahak said, though the possibility existed of some movement. The enthusiastic welcome for Arafat by Palestinians in Syria and the PLO chief's meeting with Assad following the death of Abu Jihad in Tunis had not stimulated any further developments.

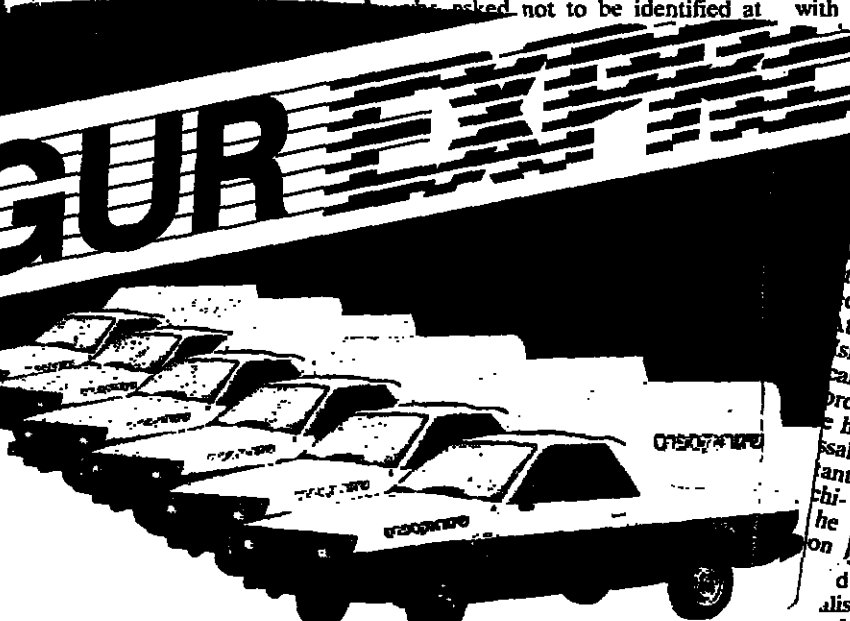
Relations worsened in recent weeks with the fighting between

Arafat supporters and the Abu Mussa group in Lebanon. Any breakthrough in relations depended on changes in PLO policy in accord with Syrian interests. Shahak cited Assad's opposition to Arafat's ties with Egypt as an example.

Shahak described Syria's latest intervention in Beirut as being directed by a very deft and wise hand. Syria had wanted Beirut quiet for the Arab League summit in Algiers, and wanted to achieve that quiet without pictures of bloodshed filling TV screens throughout the Arab world. Syria achieved both ends, he said.

Turning to the Iran-Iraq war, the intelligence chief cited three new phenomena: Iraq's possession of longer range ground-to-ground missiles, including a modified Scud with a range of 650 kilometres and a new missile with a range of 900 km; the extensive use of chemical weapons with large numbers of civilian casualties; and an improved Iraqi fighting ability evinced by recent victories on the battlefield, higher Iraqi morale and relatively few casualties.

All of the above, combined with the U.S. intervention against Iranian efforts to disrupt shipping in the Gulf, have tipped the scales in Iraq's favour, giving the Iraqis an advantage they haven't had in years.



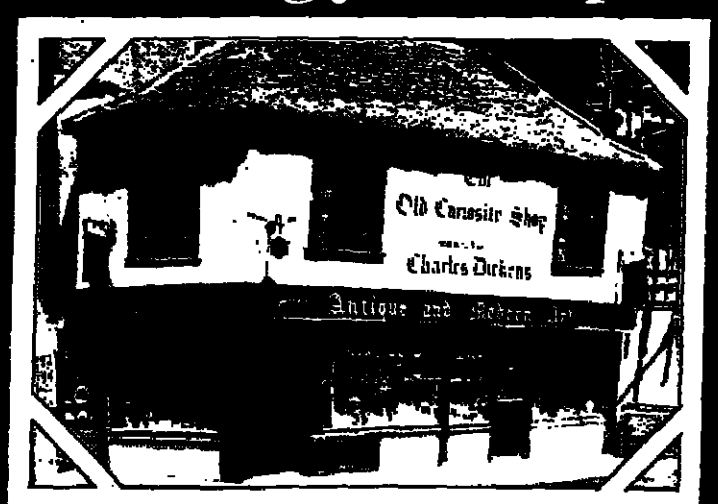
World levels

Shams of ground covering tens of thousands of trees in Galilee and Golan Heights and 10,000 dunams of grazing land.

He said many of the fires were caused by arsonists, possibly for nationalist reasons.

So far police have arrested nine suspects from the villages of Majdal Shams, Umm el Fahm and Makar.

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Use of teargas in closed areas has almost certainly caused some 30 miscarriages

Israeli doctors blast IDF practices in Gaza

By DVORAH GETZLER
Post Knesset Reporter

A team of six Israeli doctors checked casualties in the Gaza Strip in December to April has concluded that many were caused by teargas from IDF regulations.

The allegations are contained in an eight-page report by a team of Israeli doctors organized by MK Zuckerman (Citizens Right Movement) to check into the medical situation in Gaza.

The report was submitted yesterday to Health Minister Shoshana

Arbeli-Almosino, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Attorney-General Yosef Harish. The team of six investigating doctors had full cooperation from the IDF.

It asserts:

The use of tear gas in closed areas has almost certainly caused some 30 miscarriages.

There were significant differences in the number of injuries from area to area, depending on which IDF unit had been involved.

The IDF adopts unacceptable standards in Gaza. For instance, in

many cases of death no post-mortem was ordered. Without post mortems it becomes even more difficult to ascertain the truth, the report notes. Gaza medical staff have been forbidden by the military authorities to write on a child's death certificate that gas was the cause of death.

The IDF does not reveal information about the types of tear gas employed, although this would help in medical treatment.

Exposure to CS and CN gas, the report notes, carries with it the risk of toxic effect and that risk rises

when used in a closed area.

Infants, children and those suffering from heart or respiratory ailments may die if exposed to more than 10 minutes of CS gas. Both CS and CN can be dangerous to even healthy persons when the gas is not used in the open.

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The weather at major Swissair destinations

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DUBLIN	10	16	Cloudy
GENOVA	8	16	Cloudy
HELSINKI	15	24	Cloudy
HONG KONG	27	31	Cloudy
JERUSALEM	14	22	Cloudy
LONDON	14	22	Cloudy
LISBON	11	22	Cloudy
MADRID	10	20	Cloudy
MONTREAL	10	21	Cloudy
MOSCOW	17	24	Cloudy
NEW YORK	17	24	Cloudy
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SAO PAULO	6	21	Cloudy
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World Emunah Young Leadership Seminar with participants from Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, the U.S. and Uruguay, met at their closing session with newly arrived olim.

Terrorists killed

The IDF killed three terrorists just north of the security zone in Lebanon yesterday, during a mission around the village of Al Katarani. The IDF spokesman said the force had been searching for rocket launchers and terrorist strongholds in the area when it encountered the terrorists. No IDF soldiers were injured in the shooting.

Beit Shemesh plan to haul jet engine into protest is foiled

Police foiled an attempt yesterday by workers from Beit Shemesh Engines to haul a huge jet engine in front of the Finance Ministry building in Jerusalem.

The truck carrying the engine was stopped by police on its way from Beit Shemesh to a worker's protest in Jerusalem. The workers nonetheless marched yesterday from the Foreign Ministry to the Finance Ministry.

The workers' leader Moshe Levy called for direct negotiations with Finance Minister Moshe Nissim over the fate of the troubled plant. "Stop portraying the workers of Beit Shemesh Engines as extortionists, because you're the biggest extortionist of them all," he said.

Dr. Louis Miller, 71

Jerusalem Post Reporter Dr. Louis Miller, former of national psychiatrist, died yesterday in Jerusalem at the age of 71.

Born in South Africa, Miller served in Africa and Italy with the South African Sixth Armoured Division during World War II. At the beginning of 1948 he came to Israel as a member of Mahal and became chief psychiatrist in the Air Force. After the War of Independence, he worked for some years at Hadassah Hospital and then became assistant director-general in charge of psychiatric services, a post he held until took over the newly created position of chief national psychiatrist.

He leaves a wife and two daughters.

HOME NEWS

Soviets have taken a big step forward - Peres

By DVORAH GETZLER
Post Knesset Reporter

There have been important and welcome changes in the Soviet Union and its attitudes to Israel and the Middle East conflict, and the Moscow summit was a public declaration of those changes, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said in the Knesset yesterday.

And, he went on, he had asked the chief rabbis of Israel to help Moscow in respecting the human rights of Soviet Jews.

"If the opening [to better relations] can be achieved through religion, then it's a good opening,"

Peres said, reiterating his appeal to the country's spiritual leadership. "Let rabbis come and go freely. Let tourists come and go. I am in favour of Russian Jews seeing Israel as it is, and not as it is depicted on Soviet television."

Peres was answering two motions for the agenda on the summit by Gad Yatsiv (Mapam) and Meir Wilner (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality).

For the first time ever, said Peres, the Soviets had declared that any resolution of the conflict must be as acceptable to Israel as to the Arabs. For the first time, the Soviets had

said that Israel's defence needs are no less important than the national aspirations of the Palestinians.

There was not a jot of reason in the claim that the Soviets would seek to intervene against Israel in any international conference. The world scene had changed, and the Soviets had changed within it.

And what more harm could they do to Israel in a peace conference than they had done by supplying weapons to Israel's enemies.

Unlike Wilner's party, Peres continued, as he shouted down cries from the left-wing opposition, the Soviets did not insist that the only

solution was the creation of a Palestinian state. Nor did they insist that the only representative of the Palestinians at a conference must be the PLO. What the Soviets were saying, said Peres, was that whatever the parties to the dispute agreed on would be acceptable to the Soviet Union.

And for the first time, the foreign minister said, the Soviets were openly saying that they were opposed to a conference that would dictate terms. This did not yet represent agreement, Peres said. But it was a big step forward.

Later, crossing swords with the

Likud's Uzi Landau on a motion for the agenda on the current Algiers summit, Peres insisted that Israel's problem was not one of weakness. "The problem is not what to do about our weakness, but what to do with our strength," Peres said. "Stop being so hysterical, so fearful," he urged.

Peres insisted that he still believed in negotiations with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, and that now the time was ripe. The U.S., the Soviets, Egypt and even Jordan had declared they were against a peace conference that would dictate terms.

News in brief

THE SOVIET UNION has told Syria that a Middle East settlement will be achieved only through political efforts and not by military might, the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Anba* said yesterday. The message came in the wake of a similar appeal sent earlier this week by Secretary-General Gorbachev to Arab leaders attending the Algiers summit, in which he urged the Arabs to work toward a negotiated settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Menachem Shalev

LABOUR PARTY Chairman Shimon Peres is to announce his proposal for Labour's leading three candidates and the order of their listing at the party's Central Committee meeting this afternoon. Until this week it was generally assumed that Peres, Yitzhak Navon and Yitzhak Rabin would head the list, in that order. Now the Histadrut is demanding to put Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar among the leading trio. While the third place is reserved for Rabin, Labour circles assume that Kessar may get the fourth place. However, the hawkish "mainstream faction" is claiming that place for Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel.

Michal Yudelman

THE KNESSET Finance Committee yesterday approved the allocation of NIS-27.3 million from the state budget to the political parties to finance their election campaigns. The allocation was granted in accordance with the Parties' Financing Law. The parties will receive NIS-194,600 for each of their Knesset members, and the money will be linked to the Consumer Price Index.

Avi Temkin

A PASSENGER sustained light injuries yesterday evening as a number 25 Egged bus was stoned on the Jerusalem-Ramallah highway, near the Shuafat intersection. A Magen David Adom ambulance took the passenger to the Hadassah Mount Scopus Hospital for treatment.

A PETROL BOMB was thrown yesterday afternoon on the Jerusalem-Jericho highway near the village of Azariya.

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ALUF-MISHNE SHABTAI BEN-SHUA, Israel's military attaché in Ecuador, who was killed in an air crash there this week, was laid to rest in the Hof Hacamel cemetery in Haifa yesterday.

A GROUP LED by university lecturers and lawyers plans to go to Beita tomorrow to plant olive tree saplings and turn that village into a symbol of Jewish-Arab cooperation, but a leader of the Samaria settlers pledged to try and kill the initiative. The Beita Committee said the IDF destruction of 14 homes there damaged 15 neighbouring houses which would cost some \$160,000 to repair. The committee said it has begun raising rebuilding funds, including NIS-3,000 at Tel Aviv University. The writer, I.F. Stone, will help raise money in the U.S.

Joshua Brillanti

HAIFA RESIDENTS demonstrated against "the municipality's indifference" about the increasingly dangerous levels of pollution from area refineries. A petition calling on the Electric Corporation not to construct another station without scrubbers was signed by 20,000 organizers said.

THREE HOMES which were built without permit in the northern Beduin village of Nuakir were destroyed yesterday on order of the Interior Ministry. Six villagers who interfered were arrested by police.

A FULL-SCALE medical exercise involving police, firemen, Magen David Adom and security forces was held yesterday to test emergency procedures at Rambam hospital, Haifa. In the exercise, the moment the alert was received, all facilities went over to combat conditions. The hospital management went into committee to coordinate measures to remove patients to make room for casualties.

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TRANSLATORS Esther Caspi and Daaliya Bilu were yesterday awarded the Minister of Education and Culture's prize for translation for the current year at Jerusalem's Van Leer Institute. They are the first recipients of the prize founded by Education Minister Yitzhak Navon. Caspi won the prize for translating Thackeray's *Vanity Fair* from English to Hebrew; Bilu for translating the late Ya'acov Shabtai's *Zichron Dvarim* from Hebrew to English.

But Israel's basic choice remains in the war on inflation, and long-term trading partner and possibly even as a

Palestinians who were born here, left and returned, are dependent upon temporary tourist visas and subject to deportation, shows how precarious the unification is. Until all Jerusalemites are secure in the same freedoms to come and go, to express themselves and to act upon their beliefs, real unification will elude us.

We must separate valid security concerns from the fears that lead us to prefer deportation to dialogue and democratic process. Without finding political solutions for sharing the capital, we are left with a capital divided between a population subject to exile and a population caught in the fears of an exile it has not yet truly left.

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ELECTION PROSPECTS

IDF probes whether Gazan was beaten to death

BY BRADLEY BURSTON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA CITY - The IDF yesterday opened an investigation into circumstances surrounding the death of a Jebelaya youth who reportedly suffered brain damage during two beatings at the hands of troops.

IDF investigators yesterday ordered the body of 19-year-old Hussein Juma Abu Jalala transferred to the Abu Kabir forensic medicine institute for an autopsy.

According to witnesses and family members, Abu Jalala was repeatedly clubbed Monday evening by Border Police during the same disturbance in which a nine-month-old infant lost her eye to a rubber bullet.

Taken to the Jebelaya UNRWA clinic with bruises over much of his body, Abu Jalala was referred to Shifa Hospital here, where he was placed under observation for possible neurological complications.

About 20 hours later, Abu Jalala lapsed into a coma and doctors ordered him evacuated to Tel Hashomer Hospital, where he died shortly after arrival Tuesday night.

Family members said yesterday that two months ago, Abu Jalala suffered severe head injuries when he was beaten during unrest in Jebelaya, but that he refused to be taken to hospital for fear of arrest.

Abu Jalala is the third Gazan alleged to have died as a result of IDF beatings. The other two incidents occurred in mid-February, and led to modifications of the beating policy.

Strong stuff

By DORA SOWDEN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An unusual show in an unusual place is true meat for a festival. Amir Kolben's *Requiem* presented at the Old Power Station by the Jerusalem Tamar Dance Company therefore fulfilled this requirement. It was also the most striking programme that this new company has yet done.

The story about the arrival of pioneers was strong both in dance and in drama. On a floor of earth the symbolism of toil and suffering was vividly created. Yet surely this piece calls for a sequel. The end was hard to accept, as *The International* filled the air, a red light dazzled the eyes and a muezzin took over loud and strong. The choreographer could not have meant us to take our story as a requiem.

Givatayim raid yields drugs and nine arrests

TEL AVIV (Itim) - Heroin and cocaine worth \$163,000 were seized by the police at a Givatayim apartment on Monday, a police representative said in the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday, when asking for nine people suspected of being involved in a European drug smuggling ring to be remanded for 10 days.

Peretz Sagie, 35, of Holon, owner of Jaffa's Halleluya nightclub, David Brookes, 44, Nissim Batzon, 25, and Meir Sultan, 34, all from Rishon LeZion, Yehuda Sabag, 34, of Tiberies, Shmariyahu Almog, 42, of Ramat Gan, Dan Kohavi, 37, of Ness Ziona, and Na'as Matra, 33, of Givat Shmuel were arrested in the early hours of Monday morning, after police had been following them for

several weeks. Most of them were in possession of quantities of local and foreign currency.

All the suspects denied their involvement, but the court found that secret evidence submitted by the police, indicated that there was evidence that they were involved in serious crimes, and that the investigation should be allowed to proceed without interference.

In a separate development, Mayor Mohammed Kilah of the Druse village of Yirka in Galilee, has asked Druse spiritual leaders to proclaim a religious ban on dealing in drugs. He made the appeal after two kilograms of cocaine had been seized in Yirka in the past two months.

Plight of Syrian Jews worries human rightists

BY MICHEL ZLOTOWSKI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

PARIS - The International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH) voiced its concern here yesterday over the situation of Syrian Jewry.

Recalling its past actions in favour of the Kurds, the Bahais and other minorities in the Moslem states, the FIDH quoted the testimony of three Jews, who managed to escape from Syria and appear in Paris during a closed meeting of the International Committee for the Freedom of Syrian Jews, held on May 29.

"Their evidence is overwhelming," said the FIDH. "They ask that pressure be exerted on the Syrian government so that the Jews who wish to leave the country can do so."

The FIDH also quoted the evi-

dence brought to the same meeting by Dr. Elie Hallak's widow and her son, Hallak, a Jew of Syrian origin, had been kidnapped in Beirut in 1985 and assassinated the following year. During his detention, Hallak had treated one of the French hostages, Michel Sourat, who was sick and who later died without receiving proper medical attention.

A terrorist organization, the "Oppressed of the Earth," later announced in Beirut that 10 Jewish hostages had been "executed," including Dr. Hallak. Five bodies were found. Four hostages had been shot in the head, the fifth had been tortured and mutilated. Hallak's body has not been found. Two other Jewish hostages, Sassoon and Djamous, may still be alive.

Beduin leaders charge government with practising intentional discrimination

By ANDY GOLDBERG
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV - Beduin leaders yesterday accused the government of a "direct and intentional policy of discrimination" against their people, and promised to mobilize world opinion against the government's biased actions.

Speaking at a press conference at Beit Sokolow, Nuri al-Ukbi, who heads the Association for the Support and Defence of Beduin Rights, charged that Israel was "implementing a set of policies whose basic principle was the collective eviction of the Beduin."

He added: "Because we are quiet and do not make trouble the govern-

ment thinks that it can treat us as it wants. Over the last 40 years the government has undertaken a direct and intentional policy of discrimination against the Beduin people solely on the basis of national affiliation."

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Festival proves a financial success despite multiplicity of headaches

By LEV BEARFIELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Considering that as many as 70 per cent of the scheduled participants in this year's Israel Festival were inclined to cancel out because of political and security reasons, the event nevertheless was a success, festival officials maintained this week.

"In many ways," general manager Ishai Amrami said at the organization's summing-up conference, "this was the most problematic festival ever."

"In addition to the cancellation for financial reasons of *Nabucco*, which was our multi-million dollar opening event, 60 or 70 per cent of the other participants were showing serious hesitation about coming. And this went on as recently as December and January, when we had to get our brochure out to the public."

"Beyond that," Amrami continued, "we had the problem that a lot of Jerusalemites were reluctant to go out at night because of the psychological climate caused by the disturbances. Tourism, of course, was also down. Then there were the logistic problems of mounting major



events in Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Ashdod, Caesarea and in open venues in and around Jerusalem."

Nevertheless, Amrami maintained, the festival not only had fewer technical problems than ever before, it managed to corral both the artists and the audiences to the point that financially it did as well as in previous years.

Pointing out that the festival continues through Saturday night and that final figures would be available only in another month, Amrami said that "as last year, it seems we will end up within two or three percentage points over or under our budget, which in 1988 was NIS-4.25 million."

"Initially," he said, "we put approximately 130,000 tickets up for sale, with some added later on. About 100,000 were sold. This is in line with 1987. Out of 190 offerings, some 80 were sold out, which we think is very good. Only a few pro-

grammes sold less than 50 per cent of their tickets. Israeli productions, unfortunately, often failed to attract capacity audiences."

Both Amrami and artistic director Oded Kotler were quick to acknowledge that compared with arts festivals elsewhere, the Israeli event is a very expensive proposition.

"We're not happy about it," Kotler said. Ticket prices are determined by the kinds of events we offer, the quality of the productions, the number of cities involved, the length of the festival and by security.

"For example, a company brings several major opera productions, and yet we don't have an opera house where they can set up, and rows of seats have to be taken out and they tie up stages needed for other productions."

"We also know in advance certain things will sell out, and yet we want to include offerings that may not have mass appeal. We're studying very hard all aspects of the financial question."

Among other things, the officials said they would study very closely the fact that it is easier to sell tickets in Tel Aviv than in Jerusalem. (See story, page four.)

Ramon alleges corruption

Sharon denies volley of charges

By DVORAH GETZLER
Post Knesset Reporter

Industry and Trade Minister Ari Sharon runs his ministry in a corrupt and corrupting manner, the *Algemeiner* charged in a Knesset yesterday. Sharon, flatly denying Ramon's entire catalogue of accusations, reviewed in the course of a spirited reply his leg-

itimate contribution to the nation's security and his record as a war hero. Ramon had done his homework, studying reports by the last two state controllers. Both, he said, had eulogized Sharon for tramping on every norm of proper administration. Both had accused him of extending to himself and his party colleagues benefits that had cost the state millions of dollars.

The reports, asserted Ramon, gave rise to serious suspicions in Sharon and his associates might have committed criminal acts in these suspicions were now being probed by the police.

Among the long list of Sharon alleged sins that Ramon enumerated were the hiring of price inspectors who were members of his Herut party and who had criminal pasts. These men had been taken on without a proper tender and in flagrant defiance of budget stringencies.

Sharon, Ramon said, had given a subsidized loan of \$1 million to three members of Herut for an export project that had never materialized. But the loan had never been called in, Ramon said. Herut members had also been given an import licence for iron in contravention of the ministry's policy of refusing a such licences.

Sharon had accepted a \$200,000 interest-free loan from businessman Meshulam Riklis in return for the authorization of grants, loans and tax exemptions to Haifa Chemical, a firm that Riklis controls.

Sharon must go, Ramon appealed to an absent Premier Yitzhak Shamir.

But the charges did not faze the minister. Nor did it draw from him any rebuttal, despite his promise: the start of his speech, that he would deal with each and every one. Sharon had said he would even answer some charges that Ramon had not mentioned, although they had been included in a written document the Ramon had sent him earlier.

Every charge of impropriety against his ministry was untrue, Sharon said. It was a model ministry. It was the only ministry the seriously dealt with settlement.

Ramon's attack was a vicious accusation that did not merit an answer. But Sharon felt pity for his staff and thus felt the need to come to their defence.

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The family

Dukakis wraps it up, eyes White House

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) - Michael Dukakis, assured of the Democratic nomination after big wins in his party's final primary votes, looked confidently ahead yesterday to becoming the next president of the U.S.

Within hours of securing the nomination, Dukakis, 54, made clear his main targets now were vice presidents - how to beat the Republican nominee, Vice-President George Bush, and whom to select as his own running mate.

Dukakis scored solid victories in the last of the year's primary elections on Tuesday, picking up enough delegates to ensure his nomination at next month's Democratic convention in Atlanta.

The Massachusetts governor beat his only remaining Democratic challenger, black civil rights activist Jesse Jackson, in California, New Jersey, Montana and New Mexico. He said in a victory speech here he was ready to win the U.S. presidential election in November.

NBC News reported that Dukakis had 2,124 delegate votes, 43 more than he needs to win the party's nomination. Dukakis was asked several times if Jackson, the first black to mount a serious campaign for the presidency, would be considered for the vice-presidential spot on his ticket.

"I'm not going to rule anybody in or out," Dukakis said. But he hinted that Jackson may not be his first choice.

"Jesse's worked hard. He's demonstrated very strong leadership. There are other good people in the party as well."

A jazz band blared "When the Saints Go Marching In," a mass of red, white and blue balloons floated down from the ceiling of the Biltmore Hotel and supporters waved U.S. flags as Dukakis marched in after his victory. His wife, Kitty, recovering in Boston from a neck operation, came on the telephone to give her congratulations.

On the press plane on the last day of his campaign, Reuter correspondent Ronald Clarke reported that Dukakis strolled along the aisle chatting to reporters who had been with him throughout his primary campaign, seemingly without a care in the world.

Ask supporters to describe him and they say - hard working, honest, a calm technocrat, a skilled administrator. Opponents call him conceited, over-confident, knowing little outside his role as Governor of Massachusetts.

"I know I speak with pride for every American when I speak about this race," he told his victory audience. "A son of immigrants who settled in Massachusetts, and a black man who grew up poor in South Carolina, are the two finalists for the Democratic nomination. Only in America could that happen - and only in the Democratic Party."

Despite being trounced by Dukakis, Jackson was not

bowed. "We've removed the ceilings above our dreams," he said.

Jackson was beaten by at least two-to-one margins in all of the final state votes. NBC said he finished the primaries with 1,009 delegates. Jackson has vowed to stay in the race in order to influence the party's policy platform. He has threatened a convention floor fight over his demand that the party should label South Africa as a terrorist state because of its policy of apartheid.

Bush, who ran unopposed in the primaries and is certain to get the Republican Party's nomination at its convention in New Orleans in August, hit out at Dukakis during a party rally in Southern California's conservative Orange County.

He said the recent U.S.-Soviet arms control agreement would not have been signed if Dukakis had been president. Bush ridiculed Dukakis as a naive supporter of a unilateral nuclear arms freeze. "If we had listened to Michael Dukakis and that Massachusetts crowd on the issue of the freeze, we would not have had an arms control agreement that offers hope of peace," Bush said.

Recent nationwide opinion polls show Bush lagging as much as 15 points behind Dukakis. Bush acknowledged he was entering the five-month general election campaign as the underdog in the polls.

The Duke calls Shamir

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK - Fresh from his California primary victory, Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis telephoned visiting Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to pledge his strong support for Israel if elected to the White House in November. Dukakis is said to have also reiterated his commitment to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital if elected.

Israeli officials said the two men spoke for about 15 minutes on Tuesday evening, the prime minister in his Regency Hotel suite in New York and the Massachusetts governor in Los Angeles.

Israeli officials, who described the conversation as "very friendly," noted that Vice President George Bush, the Republican candidate, would probably also call Shamir before the prime minister leaves New York later this week.

Shamir referred to Dukakis's pro-Israel interview in The Los Angeles Times last month in which he pledged to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. "We enjoyed what you said about Jerusalem," Shamir said. "It was very important."

Shamir and Dukakis, during their conversation, joked that they both currently faced a similar situation - deeply involved in an election campaign but also trying to handle day-to-day governmental affairs. Dukakis said he was trying to run Massachusetts "three days a week," campaigning the rest of the time.

South African strike into third day

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) - South African blacks sustained a widespread protest strike for an unprecedented third day on Wednesday.

Police reported more political violence, including the death of a two-year-old baby, but most black townships appeared peaceful as the strike moved to a close.

Support for the stay-away, which independent experts said was backed by up to two million blacks earlier in the week, varied from area to area.

State-run railways reported commuter trains in the industrial belt around Johannesburg carried well below half the normal passenger load on Wednesday. Trains from Soweto, South Africa's biggest black township south of Johannesburg, were nearly empty but in some other districts workers appeared to

be drifting back to their jobs, transport officials said.

The black Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) and rival National Council of Trade Unions called for three days of protest against a planned change in labour laws and the government's crackdown on black dissent. For the first time, police reported intimidation of workers in their daily bulletin on political unrest on Wednesday. Police said they opened fire on ram-paging blacks in four townships.

Most of the violence was in Natal province where the strike fuelled a year-old black power struggle between the moderate Inkatha movement and more radical United Democratic Front (UDF) that has claimed 600 lives.

The body of a two-year-old baby with a shotgun wound in the chest

was found in the township of Ash-down, police said. In another Natal township, Hammarsdale, a gang hacked a fellow black to death with a panga (machete). Lawyers and politicians monitoring the Inkatha-UDF feud said it had flared up since the strike with gangs of up to 100 launching daylight raids on rival communities.

Radley Keys, a progressive federal party representative in the Natal capital of Pietermaritzburg, said the strike had become "a loaded issue" because it had been denounced by Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthe-lesi, chief of the Zulu tribe.

Unions affiliated to COSATU were meeting to discuss whether to take up a government offer to present their objections on the proposed labour relations amendment bill. COSATU says it has already

outlined its objections to the parliamentary committee studying the legislation. The bill would outlaw political strikes such as this week's stoppage and employers would be able to sue unions for costs suffered by illegal strikes.

In Cape Town, the government condemned reported plans by the African National Congress (ANC) to step up guerrilla attacks in South Africa and warned it not to underestimate the government's iron fist.

Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok's warning followed a newspaper report of an ANC threat to kill judges and members of parliament as part of a plan to disrupt municipal elections in October.

The government blames the ANC for a spate of urban bomb blasts, including an explosion that killed four people in Roopepoort, near Johannesburg, last week.

Britain against bringing back hangman

LONDON (AP) - The House of Commons voted by a wide margin on Tuesday night against restoring the death penalty, which was officially abolished in Britain in 1969. By a 341 to 218 vote, lawmakers defeated a resolution that would have empowered juries to recommend capital punishment for any crime.

It was the eighth failure to reinstate the death penalty in 19 years. Most of the other attempts would have allowed imposition of the

death penalty for specific crimes, such as murder.

All parties in the 650-member Commons allowed their members a free vote, and loud cheers filled the packed chamber when the result was announced after a 4½-hour debate.

Roger Gale, a member of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's governing Conservative Party who launched the latest bid to restore the death penalty, argued that it would deter would-be murderers.

But Home Secretary Douglas Hurd criticized death penalty advocates who "take a remarkably broad brush approach to a power of life and death. The way to deal with violent crime is by strengthening the police, stiffening sentences, building prisons and, equally important, by reinforcing the self-confidence of all those who influence, or should influence, the young in this country away from violence."

Mrs. Thatcher voted in favour of the death-penalty amendment.

Granny caught smuggling coke

MELBOURNE, Australia (AFP) - A 65-year-old grandmother imported 600,000 Australian dollars (about \$480,000) worth of cocaine hidden in her underwear so she could give up garbage collecting and buy a farm, a court was told here yesterday.

Aileen Nelma Powell, her common law husband Harold Richard Hawkins, 64, and her son Keith Powell, 45, all pleaded guilty in county court to importing 1.156 kg. of cocaine.



A child toys with a spent army flare on Namibia's northern border, where tensions have mounted following South African reports of a Cuban military build up in neighbouring Angola. (Reuter)

Arms cache suspect 'tipped off Israelis'

By DAVID BOROWITZ

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON - Ismail Hassan Sowan, the Palestinian charged with possession of the biggest cache of Arab arms ever found in Britain, claims to have tipped off Israeli officials in Bethlehem that he was storing suitcases in his Hull home belonging to a high-ranking PLO official. The suitcases turned out to be filled with a massive array of rifles, grenades, explosives and ammunition, but Sowan insists he had no idea of their contents.

Police witnesses, telling an Old Bailey court here yesterday of their interviews with Sowan following his arrest last August, said the defendant had flown to Israel with his wife last July, ostensibly to visit his family in a Jerusalem suburb.

Sowan, the court heard, claims that he went to a police station in Bethlehem in mid-July, and was questioned about his contacts with Abdel Rahman Mustapha, a PLO major on whose activities Sowan says he has been informing Israeli intelligence for many years.

He told Israeli police, he claimed, that he was keeping six suitcases in his Hull flat for Mustapha, added that he was suspicious about their contents, but said Mustapha had insisted they contained only clothes and electronic answering machines.

Sowan, who was arrested at his flat days after his return, when police investigating the shooting of Palestinian cartoonist Ali al-Adami found the arms cache, claims to have been informing Israeli and LO activists in Lebanon and London, for about a decade.

He told police after his arrest, the court heard, that he had begun working for Israel when he went for a year to Lebanon 10 years ago. Only when he married in August 1986, he claimed, did he cease acting as an informer, having obtained permission to stop from the Israeli Embassy in London.

Testimony from anti-terrorist squad detectives yesterday left the clear impression that Israel may have warned British police of the presence of the suspicious suitcases in Sowan's flat, and may even have helped identify Mustapha as a prime suspect in the al-Adami killing.

According to Sowan, Israel had been watching Mustapha for years, keeping track on his movements - first with Yasser Arafat's Force 17 bodyguard, and later, via Sowan, in London.

Mustapha is understood to be on the run in Italy, or elsewhere in Europe. No-one has yet been charged with al-Adami's killing, but it has been widely reported that Arafat ordered him shot, having taken offence to several of his caricatures.

According to Sowan's testimony to British police, the Israeli official he spoke to in Bethlehem were extremely interested in the suitcases, and told him that someone called "David" from the Israeli Embassy here would contact him to discuss the matter further on his return from holiday.

No "David" had been in touch by the time Sowan was arrested on August 12, however.

The trial continues today.



NIGERIA has declared that the dumping of nuclear wastes in Africa by industrial countries was insulting and humiliating. Foreign Minister Ike Nwankwu told a special session of the General Assembly on Disarmament Tuesday of the "new danger arising from the attempt to convert Africa into a dumping ground" for nuclear waste from industrial nations. "Needless to say that it is insulting and humiliating to the African countries, coming, as it were, after several decades of exploitation in the colonial era," he said.

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION said in Brussels yesterday it will give \$17.3 million worth of food to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Middle East. It will contribute an additional \$4.8 million dollars to cover UNRWA's higher operating costs.

ARMED POLICE continued to cordon off central Peking's Tiananmen Square at dusk yesterday, hours after a pro-democracy student demonstration failed to materialize. Dozens of students began gathering at the square at mid-afternoon, apparently traveling from Peking University and other schools, but were thwarted by the heavy police presence and did not demonstrate as planned.

THE DEATH TOLL from a powerful train explosion in the Soviet Union's Volga Valley rose to 80, Tass reported in Moscow yesterday, adding that initial results of an investigation showed human error was not to blame for the blast. The accident, in which 229 people were injured, occurred last Saturday when three boxcars packed with industrial explosives blew up in Arzamas, an industrial city 380 km. east of Moscow.

EXCAVATION WORKERS unearthed gold, silver, precious stones and other valuables inside the Kremlin walls, where they had been buried for about 750 years, a Moscow weekly reported yesterday. The find included pendants, rings, necklaces, and Slavonic decorations. The riches were buried by defenders of the Kremlin in advance of the Mongolian invasion in 1237.

FORMER FIJI Foreign Minister Krishna Datt was released from custody yesterday after two days of questioning about arms smuggled into the island of Fiji, in the South Pacific. Datt, who was foreign minister in the government ousted in a coup 13 months ago, was one of about 50 people rounded up after police seized the weapons this week.

NEPAL'S SUPREME COURT has upheld the death penalty for four men involved in bomb blasts which killed six people in Katmandu three years ago. The ruling was announced in a news release issued in Katmandu through the Nepalese national news agency RSS.

TWO BRITISH MUSEUMS have announced they will buy a 17th-century painting by Nicolas Poussin for 7.25 million pounds (\$13.1 million) to prevent it from being sold to a U.S. museum. The joint purchase of "The Finding of Moses" by the National Gallery and the National Museum of Wales is the first agreement of its kind in Britain.

AN AILING Brazilian parrot at the Sapucaia Do Sul Zoo in South Brazil has regained its appetite after a dentist fitted it with a plastic beak, it was reported in Rio de Janeiro. The dentist fitted the rare hawk parrot with the plastic replacement after the bird's lower beak split, preventing it from eating its favourite meal, corn.

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Researcher who broke the code of the Hagana

THERE AND THEN / Sraya Shapiro

UMMAGING through old papers the Sde Boker Institute, Ben-Gurion's legacy, a young researcher stumbled upon a cable informing the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem at "Meeting with S, the ace, at old in October." The historian jumped at the obvious conclusion: old Myerson (Meir) had met King Saud, an experience that served her well when she faced King Abdullah of Jordan in later years. Wrong!

In the pre-statehood idiom of the agana leadership, "Gola" was a reference to the Iron Lady of the Iraqi hierarchy but to the city of Geneva, where the Saudi prince was coming for the League of Nations assembly.

Happily for the scholar, the error was detected by Gershon Rivlin, who was then in Sde Boker editing, with Prof. Elhanan Oren, Ben-Gurion's w.d. diaries. "The incident gave me an idea: to compile a glossary of the names used in the Hagana. My friends enthusiastically encouraged me, and together we started the search for nicknames and hints used to prevent detection by the British authorities. We thought we'd find 10 or 200 such words. We've registered nearly 9,500 - and we are far from having compiled a full list. Anyway, the list is now in print, and by the Publishing House of a Defence Establishment, and is titled *Zar Lo Yavin* (The Stranger couldn't know).

Gershon Rivlin is an old hand at unearthing the history of the Jewish defence effort since the early days of Jewish settlement. He was secretary to the team which prepared the monumental history of the agana (*Sefer Toldot HaHagana*) in the early 1970s, after he retired from active service.

He was with Liebenstein and Las-Galili at the birth of the *Ma'ara* chot, the periodical devoted to military matters, whose first issue appeared the day World War II erupted. Eventually, Aluf-Mishne Rivlin became head of the Army Cultural Section, which also prepared informative material on security topics - including, under the Mandate, the publication of the clandestine papers *Hahoma* and *Eshnav*.

THE USE of aliases is a time-hallowed practice in secret societies the world over, the assumption being that assumed identity could baffle an outsider. It is also a general practice to change code names frequently. Thus, David Ben-Gurion was referred to by 20 different appellations. He was called "Hercules" (because he was familiar with the Greeks), "Editor-in-Chief," "Avi-Gola," "Avi-Amos" (a reference to his children). He was also "Amir" (trustworthy), "Hazzak" (the senior) and, for no known reason, "Bergman."

Shaul Meir, personally involved in many clandestine operations abroad, had 21 aliases. He finally adopted "Avigdor" as his family name. Yisrael Galili's 20 aliases included "Elav" (comrade), "Abi Asir" (the prisoner's brother), "Tamar" and "Dr. Na."

Only key men in the Hagana used code names, Rivlin says. But among the Irgun and the Stern group, aliases were common. Menachem Begin was sometimes called "Hazzak" (like Ben-Gurion in the Hagana) but also "Yisrael Sassover" or simply "Polani" (Pole).

Yisrael Scheib in Lehi was "Eldad" (which ultimately became his official name), "Ha Doctor" (the doctor) and "Sambaton" (the mythical river at the end of the world which spews stones). Geula Cohen was either "Ilana" or



Gershon and Aliza Rivlin

"Amalia." Hoping to elude British vigilance, Hagana communications referred to Chaim Weizmann as "Vital," "Tom" or "Ozeri" (Weizmann's father was Elzer), among others. Churchill was alluded to by "Spencer," "Singer," the "Old Man" or "Pearlman." The British cabinet was occasionally "The Firm," or "The Publishers." The Colonial Office was the "Import Department."

When ships with illegal immigrants left Marseilles, a cable announced the creation of a new Hebrew course in Sydney.

With very trustworthy people, some of the code names were written down but usually the deciphering required an imaginative mind. When Moshe Shertok (Sharett) smuggled out instructions from the detention camp in Latrun, he recommended contacting "the owner of the blessing's friends" to help newcomers to "the Triangle," as well as to urge action by "the appointed one and his like," as well as to contact a man "known to Shoshana Goshen."

The initiated understood that Sharett urged action on behalf of the "illegal" immigrants who had been sent to Cyprus (the Triangle). The "owner of the blessing" was David Hachoben, the husband of Bracha ("blessing") Habas, the head of Solet Boneh, who had business connections with the Turks in Cyprus. Shoshana Goshen was Susie Eban, who was born in Egypt, of which Goshen is part.

Rivlin believes that it was a unique situation - handled in a unique fashion by people many of whom were unique. "But then, no other underground lived for such a long time, nor indulged in activities of such variety, touching on so many areas."

Amos surmounts troubles

By DAVID HOROVITZ
LONDON.-Amos Mansdorf pulled a stomach muscle, argued with an umpire, and almost threw away a first-set lead before struggling past Canadian Glen Michibata 6-2, 1-6, 6-4 for a place in the last 16 at the Stella Arnois grass court championships at Queens Club here.

Today, Mansdorf is scheduled to play West German Eric Jelen for a quarter-final spot. Jelen, 12th seed here, is ranked 45 in the world - 23 places below the Israeli number one.

The sky was grey, the air was damp and the grass was dangerously slippery, but Mansdorf was all smiles as he eased to a 6-2 first set.

Stretching to his left with the score at 4-2, however, he pulled a stomach muscle, and was stiffening up badly as the second set got under way.

Michibata, a dark-skinned, slender and good-natured Canadian who made up in speed what he conceded to Mansdorf in power, sped to a 4-0 lead in the set, helped by a series of Mansdorf double faults that had Mansdorf wincing in pain. Michibata took the set 6-1, and moved ominously to a 3-1 lead in the final set.

At this point Mansdorf began arguing with the umpire, chastising him for overruling a line judge's decision, muttering unintelligibly to himself before declaring: "You're the worst umpire I've ever seen in my life."

Having got that off his chest, Mansdorf suddenly found his game again, broke back for 3-2, and then went ahead 4-3 thanks to a glaring error by Michibata at the net.

From there on it was easy. Mansdorf served a love game to lead 5-3, and eventually took the set 6-4.

He said afterwards that the pulled muscle "only really hurts when I'm serving," and that he hoped it would respond to a good night's rest.

Jimmy Connors had a tough time beating Robert Seguso 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 and Boris Becker also had to struggle to overcome Australian qualifier Shane Barr 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

Pistons pulverise Lakers

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Though starting obvious underdogs, the Detroit Pistons showed absolutely no signs of recognizing their slated role as they shocked the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers here on Tuesday night, beating them in the Forum 105-93 to take a 1-0 lead in the NBA finals.

Detroit utilized a stifling defence to put the home crowd on their mettle early on by rushing to a 8-0 lead and falling behind only once in the entire game, at 21-20 just before the end of the first quarter. The Pistons, who defeated the Boston Celtics to advance to the finals, built up a 46-34 lead with 2:47 left in the first half.

Then, in a span of seven seconds, Bill Laimbeer hit a three-pointer followed by a steal and another three-pointer by Isiah Thomas as the first half expired. Detroit led 57-40 at the half.

"I think Detroit played extremely well," conceded Laker coach Pat Riley. "They did the things they wanted to do on offence." But it was really Detroit's defence that dominated the game, holding the fast-break oriented Lakers to less than 50 per cent shooting from the field and putting the brakes on the usually lethal LA running game.

In the second half, everyone was still expecting the Lakers to explode at any time, but Detroit maintained their poise and led 80-68 after three quarters. The Lakers, who appeared lethargic after having to play seven games against both the Utah Jazz and the Dallas Mavericks to gain their berth in the finals, failed to ignite and trailed by as much as 17 midway through the final quarter.

Still the champions would not give up; they had cut the Pistons' lead to seven points with 1:23 to go after Magic Johnson scored a three-pointer and two free throws. But the storming Pistons, led by Adrian Dantley with 34 points, were not to be denied and they held on for the important first win.

"We're for real. We're going to play hard," said Dantley.

"We've got some guys who are real hungry and we're going to give them a fight," Dantley, making a first championship appearance in his 12-year NBA career, scored 10 points in the third period and 12 in the fourth.

Isiah Thomas scored 19 points and the Detroit bench, led by Vinnie Johnson and James Edwards, outscored Los Angeles' back-up men 32-4, including 18-0 in the first half.

Magic Johnson led Los Angeles with 28 points. Byron Scott added 25 and James Worthy had 19 for the Lakers.

In the past eight years, six out of eight teams who have won Game 1 in the finals have gone on to win the championship. In addition, no team that has survived two seven-game series has ever gone on to win the finals.

The Lakers again host the Pistons in Game 2 in the early hours of tomorrow morning (Israel time) before the series moves to Detroit for three games.

Maddux breaks the Pirate jinx

NEW YORK (AP) - Greg Maddux' luck, and pitching, are getting better all the time.

Maddux became the National League's first 10-game winner, and the second in the majors, as the Chicago Cubs defeated Pittsburgh 8-5 on Tuesday night.

Maddux, 10-3, allowed eight hits in 7 1/2 innings to beat the Pirates for the first time in his career after five defeats. Maddux had been tied with New York's Dwight Gooden for the NL lead in victories with nine.

Cleveland's Greg Swindell leads the AL with 10.

Maddux was 6-14 with a 5.61 ERA last season.

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Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	36	19	.657	-
Cleveland	33	21	.612	1 1/2
Detroit	31	23	.574	4 1/2
Minnesota	29	25	.538	6 1/2
Boston	26	27	.491	9
Chicago	24	31	.436	12 1/2
Toronto	17	38	.302	19 1/2
Baltimore	14	42	.250	22 1/2

Western Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	38	18	.679	-
Seattle	36	20	.643	2
San Diego	32	24	.569	6 1/2
Kansas City	29	27	.519	9
Texas	26	28	.481	12 1/2
Los Angeles	24	31	.436	15 1/2
San Francisco	23	33	.411	16 1/2
California	21	36	.368	19 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE Eastern Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	36	18	.679	-
Pittsburgh	31	23	.574	5 1/2
St. Louis	31	26	.544	7 1/2
Chicago	29	27	.519	9 1/2
Montreal	26	29	.473	12 1/2
Philadelphia	23	31	.426	15 1/2

Western Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	30	22	.577	-
Houston	30	24	.556	2 1/2
San Francisco	29	27	.519	5 1/2
Cincinnati	25	31	.448	9 1/2
San Diego	21	35	.375	13 1/2
Atlanta	18	34	.346	16 1/2

Show some guts and do your duty,' judge tells Leeds jury in case of soccer hooliganism

LONDON.-The centuries-old British tradition of judgment by 12 men and two women was threatened last week following an extraordinary trial of soccer hooliganism at the Crown Court.

The 12 jurors in the case were of the same age group as the 10 defendants, who had been charged with fighting during the local Leeds United soccer games last season.

The jurors, all in their 20s, listened to the evidence in the jury box just 10 metres away from the public gallery where families and friends of the accused were seated.

When loud applause broke out among the spectators after the jurors had acquitted the first two of the defendants, the foreman was clearly unmoved.

As the court adjourned for a recess, he was heard to remark: "After that, there's no way I am going to say guilty to anything in there."

Fortunately, the remark was relayed to the judge, who investigated further and found that several of the jury members felt they were being scrutinized by the defendants' relatives, and were convinced that if they brought back guilty verdicts they would face reprisals from the defendants' families.

One juror told a court official: "We are frightened...They are looking at [staring at us] and they could recognize us any time, even months ahead."

Five of the seven defence lawyers urged Judge Jonathan Crabtree to dismiss the jury and order a new trial. But he refused, and instead delivered a lecture urging them to "show some guts and do your duty."

"If judges acquit people who they believe to be guilty out of fear of reprisals," he said, "you are handing this country over to the devil...For hundreds of years English juries have had the guts to do what they believe to be right, regardless of attempts to bully them."

Inspired, no doubt, by Crabtree's words, the jury returned guilty verdicts against five of the accused, but the outcome of the case has not dispelled the disquiet it has caused.

In the wake of the trial, it has emerged that jury intimidation has

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Bright start and then a decline

AMADEUS FESTIVAL - The Israel Chamber Orchestra, Lev Markiz conducting, with David Brande, violinist; Eli Hefetz, clarinetist, and Sharon Ben David-Adar, basset-horn player (Tel Aviv Museum, June 6). Gluck: Overture to Iphigenia in Aulis; Mozart: Concerto No. 4 in D major for violin and orchestra; Mendelssohn: Concertpiece No. 2 in D minor for clarinet, basset-horn and orchestra. Mozart: Symphony No. 39 in E flat major, K.543.

THIS CONCERT included some pleasant and amiable playing but also many moments of mediocrity and boredom. Markiz started well. The Gluck overture was impressive in sound as well as dramatic in content, a promising starter. The overture was followed by the violin concerto, which I would gladly have preferred excluding altogether. Brande should remain at his music-stand in the orchestra or lead his string quartet. He simply does not possess the qualifications to be a soloist, especially not in Mozart. The concerto not only emerged as lacklustre but also lacked precision, elegance and stylistic authenticity. In the cadenza, Brande often simply

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skipped notes. Coordination between soloist and orchestra was questionable.

The Mendelssohn Concertpiece was perhaps, as a performance, the best item on the programme. Both Eli Hefetz and Sharon Ben David-Adar, playing the rarely heard basset-horn, displayed flawless technique, delightful sound and high spirits. But Mendelssohn's composition is not very much more than a weak piece d'occasion, the music of which, even when extremely well interpreted, can hardly be enjoyed. So again we were robbed of our pleasure.

The closing symphony was not unimpressive. But Markiz leans too much towards the dramatic and external, and he did not penetrate deeply enough into the music. The string section of the orchestra also did not acquit itself with great distinction, and one should of course, not forget that Markiz was playing one of the three last great symphonies by Mozart. The responsibility is indeed enormous.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

Irish will fight

LONDON (Reuters) - Having qualified for their first major international finals with an English manager and by virtue of a goal from a Scottish substitute, injury-hit Ireland will be classed as the unpredictable outsiders when they take on the might of the Continent in the European Nations Championships which get under way tomorrow.

But, with a nucleus of experienced and skilful players to call upon, manager Jack Charlton knows Ireland's opponents will not relish meeting them after a run of eight successive wins.

To underestimate the Irish could be perilous.

Since Gary Mackay shot Scotland's 87th minute winner in Sofia against Bulgaria, thus ensuring the Irish a place in the final eight, Charlton has welded his squad into a determined unit with one of the toughest and most consistent defences in Europe.

Charlton, a World Cup winner with England in 1966, has convinced Ireland they are more than capable of the occasional unexpected victory.

Charlton's critics contend that he has turned the Irish into a crude team with a basic approach that cannot succeed in international soccer, but results seem to prove his homespun philosophy may work for Ireland.

"I believe that football is a simple game that should be played simply," he says simply. "I believe passionately in the philosophy that by making opponents turn - by putting the ball in behind them - you create an immediate and frequently decisive advantage."

And he adds: "I am not saying we will win the championship, but you can be certain of one thing - there will be no more competitive team than us in the finals."

European championships 1988

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2. Denmark v Spain	10	12
3. France v England	10	1
4. Czechoslovakia v Albania	10	12
5. Yugoslavia v Denmark	10	1
6. Netherlands v Brazil	10	1
7. Romania v USSR	10	1
8. Hungary v West Germany	10	12
9. North Korea v Spain	10	2
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Banking woes: Israel is not alone

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter

The average Israeli might rightly be forgiven for thinking that Israeli banks are outstandingly problematic, given the non-stop scandals that surround them. A drop of perspective on the world banking scene shows that this is not entirely so.

What follows is taken entirely from one issue of one banking newsletter, namely Bank Accounting Report (BAR) of May 1988, published by the Lafferty Group in London. It gives some indication of the problems of banks, and their regulators, as well as their poor customers, in various places where many naive people think that a banker is a symbol of upright propriety.

SWITZERLAND: What better place to start? And indeed BAR's front-page story is "leading Swiss bank admits 'results cartel'." The story, and a fuller analysis inside, focusses on the practice of the big three Swiss banks - Credit Suisse, Swiss Bank Corp. and Union Bank of Switzerland - to confer together before releasing their results and to adjust their figures accordingly. A spokesman for Union Bank owned up to this long-suspected cartelization, while his colleagues ran for cover. The Swiss are under growing

pressure from the European Community, which wants to have a completely free market by 1992, and from the Bank of International Settlements (BIS) to make their reporting procedures slightly more helpful, and there are even signs that the pressure is having some effect.

WEST GERMANY: Along with Switzerland, the German tradition is to let banks stash away part of their profits in "hidden reserves" and not declare them. These reserves are used to smooth out fluctuations in profits from one year to another, so that shareholders never really know what kind of a year the banks actually had.

"Secret reserves are prudent, says German banking chief" in BAR's centre-spread, based on a lecture the said banking chief delivered recently. Without going into the details, suffice it to say that the gist of the German/Swiss line is that the public is best off knowing as little as the bankers feel is good for them, and that it would be very unwise to interfere with that tradition.

If the banks had a bad year, this view believes, the shareholders would dump shares and the depositors would create a run on the banks, and the whole system would

go phut. This is of interest to Israelis, because it shows the roots of the arrogant disdain that characterized former Leumi chairman Ernest Japhet and the rest of the clique that used to run, and ultimately ruined, Bank Leumi.

Unfortunately for this tradition, shared in part by the British, the Americans are forcing the world to more open disclosure, however uncomfortable that may be for the bankers when they goof up.

JAPAN: The emerging force in world banking, but what troubles lie within the Japanese banking system! BAR notes that Japanese banks are rushing to meet the BIS requirements for higher capital levels - BIS wants a roughly 8% capital-to-assets ratio by 1992. This will require the Japanese banking system, which has been growing tremendously fast and has very low capital adequacy levels, to raise between \$50 billion and \$80b. in new capital between now and 1992.

Not surprisingly, this prospect has raised fears that even the Tokyo Stock Exchange will not be able to survive such a massive increase in the supply of stocks, so the banks, brokers and government are working on ways of how to spread out the load. But the need to raise capital

levels will have two other side-effects, BAR notes:

- The new stocks will be bought by outsiders rather than the current main shareholders. These newcomers may not be part of the club of cross-holdings that typifies Japanese corporate ownership, and they may therefore start asking some impolite questions about the banks' managements.

- The banks' already enormous vested interest in maintaining the bloated price levels of the Tokyo Stock Exchange will be reinforced. This is because 45% of the difference between the book value and the market value of Japanese banks' enormous stock portfolios will be allowed to be counted as capital. These are also "hidden reserves," by the way, on a scale that even the Swiss would have nightmares about. If the market crashes, the banks will be badly under-capitalised again, so they have to keep prices high.

That, at least, should certainly sound familiar to Israelis. There are, of course, other problems - such as the Third World, South American debt, the high rate of bank failures in the U.S., and so on. It's almost enough to make Israeli bankers look conservative and staid.

Avivim for a lot less than at the marina. Six rooms over 200 square metres begin at NIS 464,000.

ASHDAR LTD. begins work soon on a 31,000 square metre office building on the corner of Tel Aviv's Yigal Alon and Kiryat Menashe Streets, adjacent to the Ayalon Highway.

Ashdar says it is asking between \$1,350 and 1,600 a square metre for office space, \$2,250-4,000 for showroom space and \$800-1,000 for workshop space.

THE REAL ESTATE COURSE at Tel Aviv University is turning back potential students because demand is so strong, Mordchai Peles, chairman of Association of Real Estate Agents told the most recent graduating class. The fourth course, which began recently has more than 50 students, and many candidates have already signed up for the next one. In fact, he said the property tax division could only get seven of its 11 candidates into the course. The first three courses had a total of 150 students in them.

The two-year course, which is designed to train professionals for the property business and includes sessions on land rights, marketing, building management and so forth, is that people in other professions have been attracted to it.

more ominously, completions were down 6%.

HERZLIYA'S MARINA, the biggest tender ever offered by the Israel Lands Administration, will be built by four companies - IPC, Mercat Shitla Ltd., Bernhard Stern and Israel Ltd. - each of which paid the ILA NIS 1 million plus and provided bank guarantees of another NIS 5m. to participate.

The \$250 million project will include a \$40m. marina, hotels and a commercial and tourist centre covering 415 dunams, part of reclaimed from the sea. The ILA said that considering the difficulty in luring foreign investment into Israel today because of the unrest in the territories, it was happy that Israel has shown an interest. The company, headed by Nati Kirsh, uses South African money to invest in Israeli real estate.

The project will include 200 sea-front cottages of 270 metres each sitting on a half dunam of land. The price: \$750,000.

A LITTLE SMALLER and little further inland, luxury flats are being offered by Property and Building Corp.'s Naveh subsidiary in the north Tel Aviv neighbourhood of

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS/David Rosenberg

More demand for office space in Jerusalem?

Is there suddenly greater demand for office space in downtown Jerusalem? Construction activity would suggest yes. The Ashdod projects on Rehov Hanivim, the Rimoun building on Jaffa Road across the old Shalom Tsedek and the building nearing completion on the corner of Agrippas and Eliazas. The upper floors of Migdal Ha'ir are due to be converted into office space because owner Eilon Hotels Ltd. says there is big demand for space. All told, the space available wouldn't be enough to fill a good-sized office tower in Manhattan, but in the capital it amounts to something of a boom.

In fact, Shlomo Bourla of Anglo-Saxon Real Estate Ltd. says there has been no increase in demand at all; rather, developers are finally meeting pent up demand.

Office space sells between \$1,000 to \$2,000 a square metre in the centre of town, depending on the loca-

tion and the finish of the building. In Migdal Ha'ir, space is reportedly selling for NIS 1,500 a square metre.

Even if the market is stable now, there is good reason it will pick up. The municipality recently voted to ban further commercial and office development in the Talpiot industrial zone, which had seen quite a bit of office construction in the past several years, and moves are under way to prohibit flats in Rehavia from being used as office space.

HOUSING STARTS will not decline this year, despite industry worries, Housing Minister David Levy said Tuesday. In a speech before the Federation of Building Contractors in Jerusalem Tuesday, he blamed the *infatuation* for the slowdown in the first quarter but said the shortage of building workers the uprising has caused could be dealt with by increased mechanization of construction and incentives to bring young Israeli Jews into the industry.

In any case, Levy noted, there was certainly no decline in demand. In fact, he said, it is likely that the proportion of completed homes unsold this year would be the lowest in 10 years. So far, of course, Levy is right: housing starts were up 12.5% in the first quarter but, perhaps

THE TAX BURDEN/Jeff Broide

A raw deal for the fair sex

The Income Tax Ordinance enables a wife to report her income taxes independently of her husband in cases where she earns income from her own physical exertion from a business, trade or other employment, conditional that the source of income is totally independent of her husband's. When a wife does report separately, she enjoys all the individual tax credits normally granted but her husband obviously cannot claim the additional tax credit point granted for a wife.

The wife's source of income is considered to be independent of her husband where she works in a business owned by him, in a company where the two together hold, directly or indirectly, 10% of the voting rights or management rights, or 10% of the rights to a partnership. However, if the wife was earning income from the

has been running only a short while. But this, too, does not appear to be acceptable to the tax authorities.

There also appears to be some legal basis, including court precedents, for maintaining that income from "physical exertion" includes the capital assets that assist in producing such income even if not stated explicitly in the law. "Certainly the intention of the legislator was the law," but based on what might be called the "spirit of the law." Certainly the intention of the legislator was that separate calculations for husband and wife should not be permitted where income was earned from interest, property rental and such. It does seem odd that in this situation, where the wife has her own business, she is unable to be taxed on the capital gains merely because of possibly an oversight of the lawmaker.

The tax authorities would do well to give this their due attention. In the meantime, businesswomen (and men) take note!

Section 64A enables the formation of family companies where the shareholders are closely related. In such a case, the calculation of taxability is based on that of the largest shareholder in the company. The question that arises is whether the wife can report on income from a family company when she is the largest shareholder. And, if so, whether she is entitled to a tax calculation separate from that of her husband even if, in fact, she works in the company.

It appears that in principle there is no reason why she should not be the "representative taxpayer." The tax authorities, however, do not treat the income accruing to such a "representative taxpayer" from a family company as income from "physical exertion" and, the income is taxable as part of the joint return together with her husband. When the wife, in fact, draws a salary from the company and the husband has no connection whatsoever with it, then on her salary she is entitled to a separate assessment. This obviously is not the case where the husband does not hold shares in the company.

In the light of the above, one must wait for that far-off day when a more liberal approach will be adopted towards separate taxation of married couples, thus reducing the mire of bureaucratic, unequal financial obstacles that seem to prevent themselves whenever one sits down to examine the tax consequences of the husband's and wife's independent or otherwise business pursuits.

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business for a reasonable period of time beforehand - that is, at least a year - or when she was already married and was earning income from the business for at least five years before her spouse had any rights to it. As the tax implications of separate calculations are considerable, these matters are worthy of note.

What is the tax situation when a wife runs her own business and sells certain fixed assets liable to capital gains tax? The tax authorities have adopted a harsh stand on this score and maintain that the capital gain will be deemed her husband's and the tax calculation is done jointly. The authorities reason that section 66 of the Income Tax Ordinance permits separate calculations for the husband and wife when the income is from "physical exertion;" a capital gain does not count as such.

This reasoning does seem strange in view of the fact that the business is solely the wife's. Indeed, there is an opinion that such a capital gain should be treated as part of regular business income, particularly if the business

Fewer rabbis expected for RA meet here

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

There will be fewer Conservative rabbis than expected here this summer for their annual convention, due to the reluctance of American Jews to visit Israel at this time.

About 150 members of the Rabbinical Assembly (RA) are registered at this point for the conference, scheduled for the end of July, according to Rabbi Yossi Goldman, the conference coordinator. There are 1,200 members in the RA, he said, and the annual conference in the U.S. usually attracts about 400 participants.

"The real problem," he said "is that many rabbis were planning to come with tour groups from their congregations, to help cover expenses. But because of the situation, many of these tours are not coming." He noted that the high cost of hotels in Jerusalem is also a deterrent. "Instead of prices going down at a time like this, they are going up. Rabbis have to consider their financial situation."

Goldman said that the RA is making a special effort now to encourage more rabbis to come to the conference. He said that several hundred leaders of other arms of the Conservative movement would be here then as well.

Egypt restricts Islamic firms

CAIRO (Reuters) - Parliament passed a law yesterday regulating Islamic investment companies in Egypt amid signs the firms would not confront the government over the measures.

In a lightning spell of legislation, the cabinet approved the draft law last Saturday and published the text Sunday before sending it to the People's Assembly. The law was prompted by concern over the largely unfettered operations of increasingly popular Islamic firms, which pay higher returns than banks and have attracted billions of dollars in small savings. The companies, established under a liberal economic system introduced by the late president Anwar Sadat in 1974, reject fixed interest rates, banned by Islam.

Company officials had planned to draft hundreds of thousands of depositors to speak out publicly on the law. But they appeared yesterday to back down. "The law which has been passed by the parliament is reasonable and we can perform our business without problems," said Tarek Abu-Hussein, chairman of al-Hoda Misr, one of the biggest Islamic investment firms.

The law brings Islamic firms under regulation by a state agency, gives them a year to turn themselves into public companies, and tightens controls - requiring them to transfer overseas funds into Egypt through the banks, for example.

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- 14 Ability to see a word of agreement in 8 (8)
- 15 Some intend earnestly to charm (6)
- 17 Make a semblance of fancy dainties (7)
- 20 Rex and Victor shortly break neck (6)
- 23 Drill practice (8)

DOWN

- 25 Overshadow a silent reproach (9)
- 26 Little girl's wrong to misrepresent the facts (7)
- 27 Barns i.e. custom-built for one from Southern Europe (7)
- 28 A room we converted in Australia (7)
- 29 Bonting up badly and slating mercilessly (9)
- 2 The French member has nothing on in the sentence (7)
- 3 Company sluggish up to a point fraudulently conspire (7)
- 4 Hear, say, of a crossing place on the Wye (8)
- 5 Representative in a foreign government (6)

6 He has the letter coming to him (8)

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- 13 Acknowledged that the salesman was dishonest (7)
- 15 I wondered about a cover for the bed (9)
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ACROSS

- 1 Stupor (6)
- 4 Conclusion (6)
- 7 Fair (9)
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DOWN

- 1 Pill (6)
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Average pre-tax wage rose 11.4% in first three months

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Average gross wages for the first three months of the year were 11.4% higher in real terms than they were in the first three months of 1987. But figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics also showed that the average gross wage stood at NIS 630 during the January-March period, 0.1% lower than in the previous quarter in real terms.

Finance Minister Moshe Nissim is expected to make use of the figures in his confrontation with the Histadrut and the public sector unions over wage demands. The minister will be able to use the wage statistics to prove that there already has been a large increase in wages in the last months and further substantial in-

creases aren't necessary. The unions are scheduled to launch a series of strikes throughout the public sector starting next Monday.

The Treasury's Director-General Victor Medina said yesterday that the ministry would not give in to the demands made by the unions. He said this would jeopardize stability and fiscal restraint.

A spokesman for the statistics bureau said the increase in real wages occurred in virtually all sectors of the economy. In the public sector the average wage rose to NIS 1,316 in January-March, some 13.8% higher than the same time last year. And, significantly in terms of the wage negotiations, in the first three months of 1988 real gross salaries in the public sector rose by 3.7%.

The best-paid workers in the country, on average, are still those working in the electricity and water sectors, although the salary increases lagged behind the overall gain. In the first three months of the year their salaries rose 9.6%, to NIS 3,078 a month before taxes. Furthermore, this was still 17% below the average level for the first three months of 1987.

Bonuses in the banking and financial sector boosted employees' salaries in the sector by 5.5% in the first three months. Wages rose to NIS 1,890 a month 18.3% over the same period last year. Wages in industry averaged NIS 1,949, down 1% from the previous quarter, but 8.3% higher than in the same period last year.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Number of job seekers rose in May

The number of people seeking jobs with the State Employment Service rose a seasonally adjusted 2% last month to 44,717, the service reported yesterday. The number of people unemployed for six months or longer came to 20,679 in May compared with 19,395 in April. At the same time 3,105 people refused to accept jobs offered them, forfeiting their right to unemployment compensation, up from 2,119 in April.

At the same time however, the figures showed a seasonally adjusted increase in demand for labor, with employers listing 20,847 openings with the service, compared with 17,852 in April.

The Employment Service supplied jobs to 2,190 workers from the east Bank and Gaza Strip in the month, a sharp 45% increase from April. Work permits were granted 45,609 laborers from the territories, compared with 45,346 in April. The service also found jobs for 1,529 workers from South Lebanon.

Libbuz output up

TEL AVIV (Tm) - Aggregate production by the member of the Unit-Kibbutz Movement's (UKM)

Zvili: New plan for moshav debt

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
JAVIV - The co-chairman of Jewish Agency's Settlement Department, Nissim Zvili, yesterday announced scrapping the special administration charged with helping moshavim out of their financial troubles. He said that after seven years and \$2 million the administration had only helped seven agricultural settlements.

Zvili offered a 10-point plan, in place of the administration, that he would stand a better chance

of success. It calls for, among other things, replacing the agency with a consortium of banks, making creditors should be responsible for the financial settlement and the repayment of debts.

The Agriculture Ministry and the Jewish Agency should concentrate on reorganizing the farms' structure, and provide funds for future work. The high interest rates now being paid by farmers would be replaced by a normal rate of 2.5% per month.

MAYOR

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it gets for the inhabitants, the better it will be for the extremists."

Testimonies are to observe a general strike today to mark six months since the start of the uprising in the territories. The strike had appeared in the latest leaflet of the "United National Leadership of the Uprisen."

According to IDF figures, 191 Palestinians have died in the unrest. The leaflet for the first time urged Palestinians to carry out arson attacks against Israeli fields, forests, industries on June 22, which is designated as Strike Day, the Associated Press reported. The leaflet also calls for resignations of Israeli mayors and civil servants, and for a boycott of the Civil Administration, and stockpiling of food.

A several incidents yesterday at Beit Furik near Nablus, troops opened a curfew and made arrests. Their way out of the village, they were attacked by villagers hurling stones and rocks, military sources said. The soldiers opened fire, wounding two persons, according to

the sources.

Palestinian sources said three persons were wounded by gunfire, including one seriously in the chest, and two by rubber bullets. Seven others were hospitalized with beatings and injuries sustained during the clashes, which lasted some two hours. An IDF helicopter dropped tear gas on the rioters during the clash, according to the sources.

At least 90 people were arrested, dozens were served with tax payment forms and had their ID cards confiscated as a guarantee against payment, the sources said.

Speaking to reporters while inspecting procedures for issuing new identity cards to all Gazans above the age of 16, Rabin said that in his view, most Palestinian office-holders in the territories are capable of handling their own security.

Turning to the two recent cases of infants who lost eyes to rubber bullets during arrest in the Jebelya refugee camp, Rabin said "We are all sorry for the two incidents. I am certain that no one ever intended that such a thing should happen. The fact that it did happen certainly obligates commanders to take steps to prevent similar incidents."

Nonetheless, Rabin added, "When there is violence, and women drag infants into the violence, whoever does so must take the responsibility upon herself."

OHH council votes

Stop paying Leumi pensions

Post Finance Reporter

The council of Otsar Hityashvut Hayehudim (OHH), the parent body of Bank Leumi, yesterday instructed Leumi to stop all pension payments due to former executives under their personal contracts, pending the outcome of the legal and Knesset moves underway to have these contracts revoked.

Twenty of the 30 members of the council attended the meeting, along with the two governors of OHH, Matityahu Drobles and Avraham Agmon, and Leumi Chairman Meir Heth. In the absence of OHH Chairman Akiva Lewinsky, attorney Zvi Klementonovski chaired the meeting.

The council took the view that the personal contracts that Leumi signed with 25 senior executives are not in the public interest and every effort should be made to establish their non-validity.

It also requested a joint meeting with the board of Bank Leumi. In a pointed reference to the way in which Leumi outside director Prof. Shimon Shetret exposed the issue to public criticism, the OHH council noted that Leumi directors who wish to draw attention to what they consider an exceptional or untoward event in the bank's affairs are required to first bring it to the notice of OHH, whose job it is to supervise Leumi's board.

TADIRAN

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he noted, the Tadiran General Dynamics prototype incorporates advanced state-of-the-art technology. The reason the U.S. Army decided to seek a second-source producer to begin with was that it had not been completely satisfied with TIT's equipment, "especially in the area of reliability," Barak said.

In the meantime, Tadiran and General Dynamics are to go ahead with the development of radios, called "Sincgars," for the single channel ground airborne radio system.

A Tadiran source in Tel Aviv stressed that in any event the contract still represented a breakthrough for the company in terms of international recognition.

DOCTORS

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Peres's tactic for reducing tension has been to allow each of the groups to express opinions freely. After hearing from all the parties, the committee is expected to begin discussing concrete proposals to end the labour disputes, shorten the queue for non-emergency surgery and ensure funding for the state hospitals and Kupat Holim Clinics.

Dr. Haim Solan to cancel today's sanctions because of the ministerial committee talks, but the proposal to halt sanctions will be brought up today before the doctors' council.

Plea for farm aid

Farmers' representatives made their case before the Knesset Finance Committee for aid because of damages caused by the recent wave heat they claim amount to NIS 300 million.

The farmers told the panel that on May 14, 15 and 16 temperatures between 42 to 46 degrees were recorded, the highest since 1941. Citrus and other fruits were affected as well as vegetables and poultry. In some orchards, not only was the fruit damaged but also the trees. Almost none of the damages are covered by insurance, they said.

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Name	Price	Volume	% change
Commercial Banks			
Bank Leumi	100.00	104	+0.7
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Indices

General Share	97.33	-0.14%
Two-Sided	83.03	0.10%
General Bond	110.88	0.01%

Share Movements

Advances	97 (48)
Trading Halt	181 (151)
Declines	161 (270)

Statistics

Stock Indices (Main List)			
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Two-Sided Trading

Name	Price	Volume	% change
Bank Leumi	100.00	104	+0.7
Bank Hapoalim	100.00	78	-

Israel Money Markets

Bank	Deposit	7 days	14 days	30 days
Bank Leumi	1,000,000	11.00	11.00	11.00
Bank Hapoalim	1,000,000	11.00	11.00	11.00
Bank Mizrahi	1,000,000	11.00	11.00	11.00

Path (foreign currency deposit rates) (June 9)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$100,000)	8.75	7.125	7.500
Deutsche mark (DM 200,000)	7.250	7.500	8.000
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	1.750	2.000	2.125

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates (June 8)	Buy	Sell	Banknotes	Rep. Rate
Currency basket	1.7050	1.7200	1.54	1.7188
U.S. dollar	1.5712	1.5808	1.54	1.5625
Deutsche mark	0.5189	0.5277	0.54	0.5234
French franc	2.8843	2.9000	2.80	2.8734
Japanese yen (100)	0.2712	0.2746	0.26	0.2694

Foreign Markets

EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MARKETS (June 8)

Precious Metals	Libor Rates
Gold	3 months
Silver	6 months
Platinum	12 months

Foreign Currency Crossrates (London 15:30 GMT)

Forward rates	Spot	3 months	6 months	12 months
U.S. dollar	1.5712	1.5808	1.54	1.5625
Deutsche mark	0.5189	0.5277	0.54	0.5234
French franc	2.8843	2.9000	2.80	2.8734

Share Indices

Commerzbank 60 stocks	1,388.7	-6.3
Financial Times 100 stocks	1,820.3	+0.1

NEW YORK FINANCIAL MARKETS (June 8)

U.S. Money Rates

Prime rate	8.00 %
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Discount rate	6.00 %

New York Foreign Exchange

DM \$	1.5712
Yen \$	1.5808
Swiss \$	1.54

Wall Street (late prices)

NYSE Composite	2,102.96
NYSE High	2,102.96
NYSE Low	2,102.96

Statistics

NYSE Volume	285,451,570
NYSE Stocks up	1,106
NYSE Stocks down	219

Israeli Stocks Traded in New York

NYSE/Amex	Last	Prev.	High	Low	Vol.
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Quo vadis, electoral reform

FEW if any national causes enjoy as much popular support in this country as does the cause of electoral reform. Some of the support is doubtless due to anti-democratic sentiments, and to disappointment with the Knesset as an endless-debating club. But of greater weight is genuine concern with the manifest deficiencies of the system of proportional representation, which Israel carried over from the Yishuv's pre-state political structures.

The scrapping of the system for a British-style constituency elections was suggested soon after Israel came into being, by David Ben-Gurion. But on this he was frustrated throughout his career.

The argument against proportional representation is well known: it may best represent people's factional interests but it offers a crooked mirror of the national will. It favours the eccentric at the expense of the central, and it makes the orderly prosecution of a government's work needlessly hard if not impossible. Besides, it grants the party machineries sole say in the selection of Knesset members, denying any such right to the citizenry in whose name the parliamentarians claim to speak and to whom they are supposed to be accountable.

Proportional representation should therefore be replaced by a system which allows the people themselves a simple choice between two, or at most three, policy options associated with two or three major parties. Only in that way would the national majority be rid of the tyranny of minority parties, mainly religious, which block popularly desired legislation by threatening to throw their crucial weights now to this major party, now to the other.

The argument has not been left unchallenged. Democracy, it has been said in rebuttal, is not only about efficiency but also about justice, and it is just that minority and even marginal viewpoints should be given representation. Wholly unrepresented their holders could be driven to anti-democratic extremist action. Small parties may be a pain in a government's neck, but over the years they have supplied the Knesset with some of its best parliamentarians. Besides, constituency elections are apt to turn national legislators into agents of narrow, sometimes even corrupt, local interests.

The counter-argument seems to have been persuasive enough to induce proponents of electoral reform to compromise, by grafting large-constituency elections onto proportional representation.

This week the Knesset plenum has been holding the first reading of an electoral reform bill. It cannot be enacted during the little time left to the present Knesset but, if it passes the first reading and goes to committee, it could be taken up from that point by the next Knesset. Otherwise, it will go down the drain like a similar reform attempt last year.

That, it appears, is where it may very well go again. Although a majority of Knesset members are ostensibly in favour of electoral reform, only the irony could hardly be greater - two small parties, the CRM and Shinui-Centre, are truly committed to it. The Likud and the Alignment are taking a strictly opportunist tack, which means they have transferred the power of decision to the NRP.

The Likud says it will help scuttle the bill if the NRP withdraws its bid, which alarms the Likud, for separating the coming municipal from the national elections. And the Alignment will be prepared to dump the bill if the NRP, which views electoral reform as its death warrant, sticks to its bid for separation.

If the bill dies, there will be one consolation: that the very manner of its slaying will dramatize the desperate need for its eventual enactment.

A people of books

GOOD news is supposed not to be news at all. But that hoary old notion is long *passé*, and it is especially out of place at a time of pain and self-doubt and daily expectation of more of the same. In such a time, even the holding of a regular, annual affair may qualify as good news. It is thus right that the opening of Hebrew Book Week should be hailed with satisfaction, even pride.

There will be open-air book fairs in all the major cities and 32 smaller communities, in which buyers will be granted reductions of 20 per cent on new books, 25-40 per cent on older books.

The Week marks a boom in the production and sale of Hebrew-language books. There are 120 publishers of Hebrew books in the land, and they have produced a total of 13 million copies and 4,500 titles, two-thirds of them new, this past year. These figures would be dramatic in a rich country with a predominantly native population using a language which they knew from birth, and which was solidly established for centuries. The figures are phenomenal in the case of little Israel, where Hebrew was still struggling to establish itself only 70 years ago, and where more than half the Jewish population of less than 4 million came as non-Hebrew speaking immigrants.

When television was brought to Israel, after the Six Day War, there were fears that, here as abroad, the fascination exerted by the "boob tube," as its detractors call it, would kill the Israeli reading habit. Those fears have not been borne out. People manage to combine TV-watching with reading, and no attrition of readership has been felt. Israel remains one of the very few countries around the world in which even poetry books are often runaway best-sellers.

True, not everything is coming up roses in the book-publishing field. After a two-year period of what is now being described as over-production, which forced a number of publishing houses to close down, retrenchment is setting in. And while translators from foreign literatures celebrate the recent doubling of their base rate, Hebrew authors keep complaining that they cannot, even if their works are translated into foreign tongues, subsist on royalties.

It is some consolation, perhaps, that matters would have been far worse had Israelis not been a people of books.

SHAMIR

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guarantees, which had proved ineffective over the years.

The prime minister, while praising Perez de Cuellar's "personal activities" in promoting world peace, insisted that the UN role in the Arab-Israeli conflict should be limited to peacekeeping, such as the UN's presence along the Israeli-Syrian border.

Shamir rejected a more active UN role, noting that the world body's "automatic majority" against Israel precluded its adopting a balanced position. With the exception of the UN's original role in the establishment of Israel, Shamir added, the UN had not been very helpful to

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S sermonizing Israel that "it will never be secure without peace" is the sort of rather meaningless talk one has come to expect of late from one or another of his speech writers. More to the point was former president Richard Nixon's assessment in his new book, 1999 - *Victory Without War*, that real peace is in effect "a means of living with unending conflict." Hence, not only are peace treaties and normal relations between nations no guarantee against wars (e.g. Iran-Iraq), but the best way to secure peace and prolong it as long as possible, is creating conditions that will make its violation hazardous, or at the least, unprofitable, for the potential aggressor.

A classic example of this was Egypt, whose defeat at the end of the Yom Kippur War and its urgent need for American aid, persuaded it that peace was the "means" that would permit it to "live" - even though some of the basic conflicts with Israel were not resolved. (This also means, of course, that should one day Egyptian policy-makers see their interests in a different light - or Israel appear to them to be weaker - peace could be endangered.)

There is no greater danger to the survival of a people and a country than perceiving peace as an abstract ideal in itself, for which one should be prepared to sacrifice almost everything else - including supposedly "outdated" concepts of security (not to mention matters of purely "symbolic" or "sentimental" nature - such as Jerusalem - which are not rooted in defence).

Henry Kissinger recently mentioned the case of Czechoslovakia which was forced, by an international conference, namely the Munich Conference of 1938, to hand over to Germany strategic areas vital to its security "for the sake of peace." Only to be completely overrun by the latter a year later.

In a private meeting with American Jewish leaders, Kissinger said that international guarantees were "not worth a damn" - they can only be used to stop Israel from appropriately defending itself.

It is therefore evident that - contrary to Reagan's above statement or to the slogans of Peace Now - it isn't peace that is security but the other way round: security is a precondition for peace!

This brings us to the recently published manifesto of a group calling itself The Council for Peace and Security. "Political arrangements must be arrived at as well as solutions combining peace and security" - states the opening sentence of the

manifesto.

So far so good, but then we are told: "In the 40th year of our independence, the time has come for a new era, in which Israel will redirect its efforts away from the Arab-Jewish conflict towards the building of an exemplary society: from investments in defence to investments in industry, welfare and immigration..." And you ask yourself: Is this just naïveté - or is it hubris? Had it depended on us, would Israel not have preferred to redirect its efforts away from the Arab-Jewish conflict toward more constructive objectives?

Are the authors of the manifesto telling us that if Israel is still not at peace, and if it still must devote its

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resources to security - Israel is to blame for that and not the Arabs? Indeed, this is what the manifesto seems to imply - for, in its words, it is Israel's "stubborn holding on to territories which will not only prevent the coming of peace but also reduce its security."

The council is chaired by Aluf (res.) Aharon Yariv, head of Tel Aviv University's prestigious Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies, whose expertise in security matters is legendary. It is therefore to the point to mention a paper published some time ago under the auspices of that same institution, by Aluf (res.) Arye Shalev: "The West Bank - Line of Defence." The basic military and strategic analysis contained in this study is still valid. For example: "Judaea and Samaria command the flat part of the coastal plain... the fact that this flat and narrow region, bordering on Judaea and Samaria, also constitutes the vital area of the State of Israel, is very significant. Within the area extending from Zichron Ya'acov in the north to Ofakim in the south, are 67 per cent of Israel's population and 80 per cent of its industrial plants."

Most important is the author's conclusion: "The main significance of this is that against an enemy with offensive capacity, Israel is lacking in sufficient depth for defence in the coastal plain bordering on Judaea and Samaria... moreover, an enemy who knows that he can achieve his strategic objective by a tactical move of cutting Israel in two in its vital area, or by conquest of parts of this area - will have a powerful incentive to do so. The awareness of this alone could increase the likelihood of war and decrease the

chance of opting for the peace process."

WHAT HAS CHANGED since these words were written? Has the topography of the country been altered? Has Arab enmity toward Israel disappeared? Have the dangers facing us on the eastern front faded away? (The Iraqis alone now have three times as many divisions as they had when the study was prepared.) Is it not as true as before that local wars (e.g. the Iraq-Iran war) will continue to be determined mainly on the ground and not by launching missiles?

In truth, it must be said that most of these spokesmen do not talk of abandoning all the territories; they proclaim their undying faith in "territorial compromise," adding that the Jordan River must be "the security border of Israel." The sad truth, however, as Middle East experts know only too well, is that "territorial compromise" is a dead horse - was it ever a live one? There is not a single Arab party which is willing to discuss territorial compromise with Israel - neither Jordan, nor the Palestinian Arabs, nor Egypt. All Israel governments, including the one headed by Menachem Begin, send out feelers to explore such a possibility, only to encounter absolute rejection.

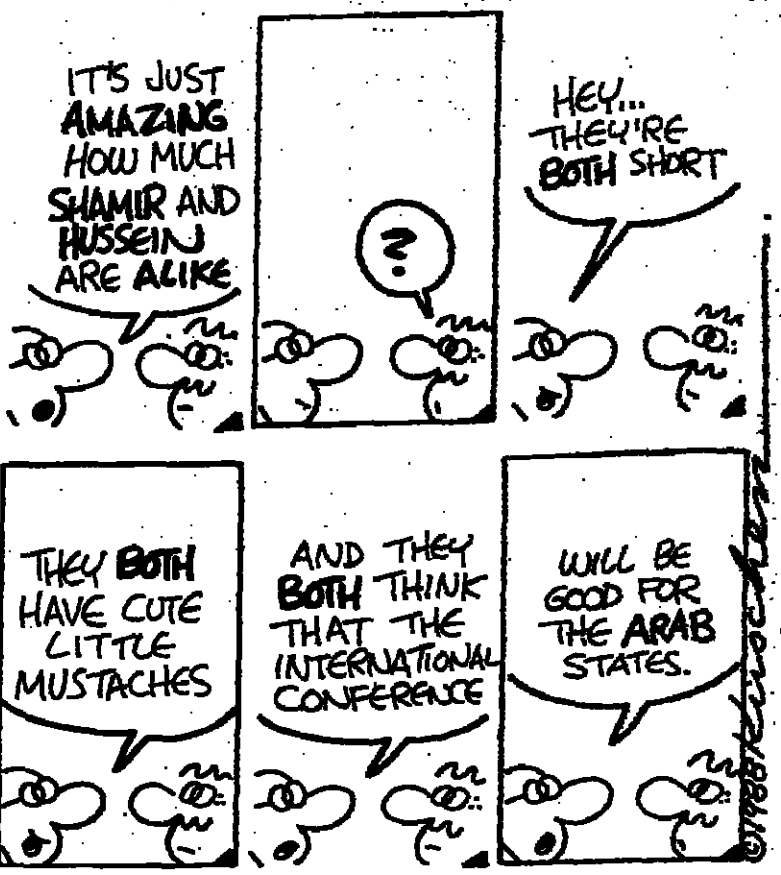
Kissinger has defined the question as follows: If Hussein refuses to give up territory to Israel at an international conference, what happens then? According to the Peres formula, Israel would have the right to say that nobody could talk from that point on. That simply cannot be done. For that matter, Israel just walking out of the conference is ridiculous. Kissinger then goes on to point out that all the governments involved in the proposed international conference favour Israel's return to the 1967 borders, adding that, in his opinion, "Israel could not survive that type of withdrawal."

Both Kissinger and another former secretary of state, Cyrus Vance, have repeated this view in their recent joint article in *Newsweek*, stating that "a return to Israel's pre-1967 borders would not be compatible with Israel's survival."

THUS, EVEN from the point of view of intellectual honesty, the question arises whether the authors of the above-mentioned manifesto, or the politicians who advance territorial compromise as a realistic option, are ignorant of the fact that even should everybody in Israel agree to it, the whole thing just isn't on?

Security first

Dry Bones



There are perhaps some who sincerely believe that Israel is called upon to choose between "Greater Israel" with all that this implies with regard to our democratic and demographic future, on the one hand, and on the other, "territorial compromise," along the lines of the "Allon Plan" (in which we would hand over to Jordan the densely-populated Arab regions and hold on to the Jordan valley, the eastern and western approaches of the Judean and Samarian heights, the north-westerly shore of the Dead Sea, the Etzion Bloc and Greater Jerusalem - roughly two-fifths of the total area of the West Bank).

I find it difficult to believe that the leaders of the Labour Party, or members of the Council for Peace and Security are unaware that their basic assumption is nothing but the illusion. Are they bent on misleading the public?

Don't they have the courage to come right out and explain that the real choice for Israel is between retreat to the 1967 borders (perhaps with minor border rectifications, as in the Rogers Plan) and any formula - even an intermediate one - that would prevent handing over all of Judaea, Samaria and Gaza to exclusive Arab sovereignty and rule?

Some of the politicians may indeed, for reasons of electoral expediency, deliberately distort the real picture. This is noticeable in Labour's recent position paper which

declares: "No foreign army shall cross the Jordan." But we are not told how this would be achieved in practice or how we would prevent Judaea, Samaria and Gaza being turned into terrorist bases when the IDF and other Israeli security forces are no longer there.

POLITICIANS will be politicians, but we cannot let others off so lightly, especially security experts, who are supposed to know better. Some of them seem to be taking the easy way out: "We are soldiers and we don't deal with political solutions..." or, "all this must, of course, be a very gradual, long-drawn-out process..." In other words, all these gentlemen are once again at the favourite Jewish pastime of playing chess with ourselves, entirely disregarding the intentions of our adversaries, none of whom has the slightest intention of letting us keep the strategic Jordan valley or allowing us several decades to withdraw.

Any formula for a settlement of the territorial question which denies Israel the absolute right to control the strategic areas in Judaea, Samaria and Gaza vital for its existence must be unacceptable. This does not necessarily mean the complete incorporation of these territories into the State of Israel - but it does exclude the possibility of an exclusive and full Arab sovereignty over them.

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The writing on the wall

have decided that this form of protest is too threatening to be tolerated (although it's not obvious which audience must be sheltered from these sentiments - foreigners, Israelis, or other Palestinians), and within a very short time, the only evidence that a Palestinian slogan had once adorned the wall is a streak of fresh paint.

Of course, the new paint almost never matches the rest of the wall, so though the words themselves have been covered up, the act of censorship has not. And since it doesn't take much imagination on anyone's part to guess what used to be there, it's not altogether clear how worthwhile this exercise is.

A charitable argument could be that such slogans are a threat to public order because they incite and provoke, thereby encouraging even more violence. On these grounds, the actions of the authorities would be fully justified by whatever marginal benefits the suppression of wall slogans might promise; after all, Israel has no legal obligation to protect free political debate, at least in the territories under military rule.

This hypothesis (the security explanation) would be easier to sustain if only Palestinian sloganeers and Israeli authorities were involved. There is, however, a third party to "the war of the walls" - the Hebrew sloganeers. Their work is much less ubiquitous. It is also less hurried. In a bus shelter near Beit El, someone had written "Arabs to Arabia" (Aravin Le-Arav) in exquisite calligraphy and added some rather attractive artwork. Although this work was clearly not done in haste under cover of darkness, I only saw it once, so I have no way of knowing how long it was permitted to remain. While there may indeed be others covered by streaks of fresh paint, at

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least some Hebrew slogans are quite durable. One, in particular, stayed untouched on a wall south of Al-Bira throughout the entire month of April; for all I know, it may have been painted on before April and it may still be there. It simply said, "Peace for Peace" (Shalom Temurat Shalom).

The superficial symmetry of "Peace for Peace" is seductive to many Israelis. But as a viable strategy, "Peace for Peace" is a hollow slogan, a political dead end, because it ignores the total asymmetry in Israeli-Palestinian relations: that in the conflict over control of the land, Israel has everything and the Palestinians nothing. It is difficult to com-

prehend why Palestinians or other Arabs should ratify this asymmetry by accepting an offer of "Peace for Peace." Most Israeli advocates of such an agreement know full well that it will not happen. Nor do they particularly care, since they are not prepared to cede any territory, no matter what commitments the Arabs might make.

IT IS SOMETIMES said that the worst curse is to have one's wishes fulfilled. Perhaps there is some slight possibility that the Palestinians will one day resign themselves to continuing Israeli rule in the territories and embrace "peace for peace." That would seem to be a prescription for prolonged internal conflict over the character of Israel stretching from the river to the sea. The solution of the Hebrew sloganeers for that problem is on the walls of the Beit El bus shelter.

However, our primary purpose here is not to argue the intrinsic merits or demerits of slogans such as "Arabs to Arabia" or "Peace for Peace"; it is to ask why the authorities do not have such slogans immediately painted out. Has someone

determined that these slogans, unlike the ones in Arabic, are not inciteful and provocative, not a threat to public order? If so, then the security explanation for censorship policy may be defended. But unless and until such a finding is made public, it is difficult to avoid an alternative, political, explanation - that the type of thinking these slogans represent is implicitly approved, or at least not sufficiently objectionable to warrant censorship.

Slogans reflect not only what some individuals on both sides of the national divide want, but also which beliefs are endorsed, by official inaction, for public expression. In that sense, they may tell us even more about Palestinian attitudes to peace than about Palestinian attitudes. Israelis already make a tremendous effort trying to understand the Arabs. Perhaps they should think a little more about what can be seen in the mirror on the wall.

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READERS' LETTERS

TOURIST DECLINE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - I refer to your article of May 30, "Prices, not unrest, keeping U.S. Jewish tourists away." I think it gives a completely incorrect picture to your readers.

Only the unrest in the territories and in Jerusalem is keeping U.S. and European Jewish and non-Jewish tourists away and made many of them cancel their reservations. Of course, the travel agents would like to have financial compensation for their loss of business with Israel but we, the hotel owners and operators,

SHAME!

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - On May 28, we participated in the Peace Now demonstration near Nablus. Driving from Jerusalem as part of a convoy of hundreds of cars, it was heart-warming to be greeted with smiles and friendly waves of hands by many of the local Arab residents.

However, while slowly passing through Al-Birah, I was dismayed to see a foreign TV crew pose a young, very pretty girl of about 3, showing her how to make the victory sign with her hand held high. The obvi-

ous purpose was to photograph the girl in the foreground while in the background the cars of the Peace Now demonstrations were passing by.

Isn't a peaceful demonstration of Israelis, delivering a message of hope and friendship to Arabs in the West Bank, a significant "story" for the foreign TV without posing an innocent Arab child in protest? Shame!

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